My name is Neal Fisher, and I am an artist.

Having heard and researched this proposed Copyright reform, I am horrified and disgusted at the very idea it was proposed once, let alone three times.

What you are proposing is that all artists from hobbyists, to those who hope to someday make a living from art such as myself, to those who do just that, either register each and every piece of content they create with a private agency (no doubt paying fees for this "service") or forfeit the entirety of their rights as content creators and allow others to appropriate and profit from their work.

If an established artist were subjected to this, they may be able to afford some of those fees - but what about someone just starting out? Just like the Net Neutrality proposals, this would effectively shut out any newcomers who could not afford to give money to a for-profit organization to be allowed to keep their work, making it impossible to monetize it until they could register it with money they might only be able to get from selling their art, which they are unable to sell unless it's registered, which cannot be done until they pay to have it registered, for which they will need money.

You're creating a Catch-22 situation; pay us for every single picture you post on the web, if you want to keep them - or we can do whatever we want with it, including register it as our own work and sell it to make ourselves a profit, which we are not obligated to share with you, the creator.

I ask that you reconsider the ramifications of passing this reform, and how much damage it will inflict on the artistic community if allowed to be signed into law.

The copyright law as it stands works. Don't fix what isn't broken.

--Neal Fisher