To whom it may concern,

My name is Russell Brooks, and I am a digital artist. I create a webcomic that I publish myself on my own website. I've been running the site for over two years now. I am extremely concerned by and very opposed to the “Next Great Copyright Act,” in particular, the return of Orphan Works. Twice already Orphan Works has failed to pass in Congress. It is a poorly conceived plan, one that will have terrible repercussions, especially in the visual arts community.

Once I publish my comics online, they are still valuable to me. The expanding archive of my comic is essentially the inventory of my business. The copyright on my images, and my right to control their display and distribution is essential to the business I am building. My copyright over the images I produce are the products I license. Infringing on my work, distributing it or sharing it without my knowledge or consent is *stealing my money*. For me to be able to make a living with my art, I *must* be able to control how and by whom my art is used. Orphan Works will take that right away from me.

Signed,
Russell Brooks