To whom it may concern:

Being a self employed artist, having these new laws will greatly detriment my business. It would ultimately force me to bring my business to a near halt. Having to register each pieces art I have ever made and will make is going to cut the time I have to actually work on said pieces. I do not appreciate being forced to register everything I've made, please leave the copyright laws alone. Nor do I appreciate the idea of "orphaned works" which makes it easier for large business to just snap up my creations and not pay me for it if I were to not register what I've done. No artist wants their creations stolen by the "big wigs" of the world only get pushed to the side because they didn't follow these new suggested laws. I didn't even know of this copyright change, until told by another artist. If these changes follow though many artists are going to be left out of knowing there was a change, letting someone else to claim the artist's art as their own. I'm fairly certain if I went to your job and took your paper work and said it was my own, you wouldn't be very happy, would you? For that is exactly what you are telling us artists, so for the love of art everywhere do not change the copyright laws.

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