To whom it may concern.

The new copyright act currently being considered concerns me greatly.

I am an artist and have been so for many years. I work in jewelry, textiles and photography. I sell my work to help provide an income for my family.

To me, copyright is not an abstract legal issue. It is a basis on which my business rests.

My images are what I use to promote and sell my art. Therefore, when someone infringes on my work, it is taking my earning potential. This is not an indefinable damage. This is stealing money from me.

Every image I create is a part of my business inventory. It does not lose value upon being published. My art and product photographs are MY work, and it is important to me as a business owner and as a human being to be able to control how and by whom my work is used.

Thank you for your time.

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