Hello, my name is Nathan Vanlone and here is my reason to protest against you changing the copyright laws.
I am a new feelancing artist and my dream has been to draw for people as a job for around 10 years. These recent years have taught me one thing, as I get more mature and smart on how business works.
My dream career is near impossible.
So you might think, 'Well, how about you get a normal job?'
Well, my reasoning is that I am very passionate about what I do and because I admit, I have no other redeeming skills or interest for other jobs.
I want to draw for people and make them happy and make a living, but obviously I'd need a second job, which is no problem.
The real problem here is that Art theft has and can happen. It can be as simple as someone seeing an image I, or another artist has drawn, thinking it to be good, and posting it somewhere else with no credit on who did it.
Or
Someone seeing an image I, or another artist has drawn, and selling said image without permission.
Both of these can break an artist and ruin their career- but there is one thing stopping that from happening.
Copyright protection.
Without Copyright protection, my hard work will go to waste by hungry corporate business stealing my work and being able to sell said work without my permission.
Without Copyright protection, my hard work will go unnoticed by the billions of people who won't know my name because it won't be included on a poster or a shirt because a person wanted to make a buck.
The reason people are pressing for this change is because of the very thing that everyone needs; money. Why Google won't show many results for this, and why other big business is praying this passes. They can use any art from anyone using the vast power of the Internet for profit or commercial use and can get away with it because this law isn't in place anymore.

This message isn't just for me. Not having Copyright protection won't only destroy my dream, my passion, and my personal life.
It can and will destroy other artists as well.

If this isn't getting to you, then imagine this scenario.
You are asking for a surgery from a doctor, one that will save your life. You *have* to have this surgery. The doctor asks for 40$ to preform it (the basic price of a drawing)
You pay, you get your surgery, and the doctor can provide for their family and live in a house.
But lets say, the Copyright law wasn't in place and use the same scenario.
You ask for a surgery. You get the surgery. You pay probably half the price, but it goes to a big name company who's advertising said surgery.
Did you get any name of the doctor who did it? No.
Did the doctor get paid? No.

The doctor is no longer motivated to do surgeries they quit entirely. Any surgeries they preform will be stolen and the pay goes to a company advertising it, so they give up.

There's no point in drawing anymore if it has a risk of being stolen. My passion is gone, I've wasted my time, I will be gone.

Please, keep the Copyright protection as it is and don't bring harm to people like artists. Don't destroy their passions because some company with too much money wants more.
-Nathan