These proposed changes to copyright law regarding creative works would decimate the structure of the art community as it exists in America. An artist is Constitutionally entitled to exclusive control of their work – why on Earth should it be any other way? Stripping artists of their Constitutional rights is a vile concept. Forcing artists into the arms of commercial registries goes against the modus operandi of every artist I know, myself included. It would make success and security as a professional artist a monumental task for up-and-coming artists who likely are uneducated about navigating corporate spaces.

That's the core of these proposed changes, though – make it hard to muscle your way in, and everyone's art is free game. That is sickening. Copyright changes or no, it will be a cold day in hell when someone uses my art in an advertisement if I'm not getting paid. This would be the legalization of art theft.

Brad Holland said it best. “Right now nobody has to understand copyright law because you’re protected by it, but under the law they are proposing, copyright law won't protect you anymore.”