Dear Congress,

My name is Owen Slaughter and I live in Bloomington, Indiana. Right now I am in the process of becoming a full time writer. I write articles and then try to sell them to different blogs, webs sites, etc. However it has come to my attention that you are thinking of changing the copyright law in America that could, in effect, destroy my way of making money. From what I am seeing here with your new law, I would have to register all my writings before I could try to sell my work. This is something that would really slow down me trying to get my work out there and to make a name for myself. I don't know if you know this, but how I make money is by doing as much work as I can and trying to get people to buy it. The faster I can get someone to buy, the sooner I get paid. If I have to sit and wait to get a paper that says that this work is mine, it could ruin me. Also, I am in the process of trying to get a comic up off the ground. I have to pay an artist to do some mock-ups of what I am thinking so I can then try to sell the comic to a company. What is going to happen when I have to wait for an artist to copyright this work so that they are protected? Then what am I going to have to do to be able to use this art so that I can sell my idea? I don't know how many forms I'm going to have to fill out, send off, and then wait to see if I have the copyright. Again, I can't stress this enough to you: Waiting around at the beginning of a writing career is the death of it. I can't sell my ideas, and if I can't sell my ideas I lose money. Please do not pass this law, all it is doing is hurting the little guys that are just now trying to get out there and do something with their lives. I hope my message reaches you, thank you for your time.