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To Whom It May Concern,

I am an artist and have been working as an artist for the last six years. I am currently a student at Cal State University, Fullerton and am currently majoring in Art with an emphasis in Illustration. I penciled a story in "Tales of Beijing: Aesop's Fables in the Far East" and am currently both the writer and artist of the ongoing comic "Negative". I work and intend to work in many fields such as comic books, video games, children's books, music, movies, animated shows, etc. The reason I bring all this to your attention is because I am concerned with the proposed copyright law regarding orphan works and more.

I want to stress that copyright law is not an abstract issue but the basis on which my business rests. Our copyrights are the products that we license. This means infringing our work is like stealing money. It is important to my business that I remain able to determine how and by whom my work is used. I would also like to stress that my work does not lose value upon publication. The reason it does not lose value is because everything I create becomes part of my business inventory. In a digital era, inventory is more valuable to me, let alone any artist, than ever before.

It is disgusting that artists will have to copyright their whole archive in order to protect their work from businesses and infringers. Artists would have to spend thousands of dollars and too much time when they currently have their work protected upon completing the work. It is my belief that if this copyright law were to pass, it would devastate artistic community and any business connected with art and artists in a negative way. It would be so bad, that is may destroy any hope for any newcomers to create law. The US would be killing jobs and wrongly withholding money from the true creators of the artwork. This law is created by the people who do not know how the creative community works in regards to business. We shouldn't be forced to give all our work to our competitors! I urge you to deny this bill.

Sincerely,

Omar Osegueda