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My name is Nina Victor Crittenden, I am a published children's book illustrator and a member of The Society of Children's Book Writers and Illustrators. The first book I illustrated, *Cedric and the Dragon*, was published in 2010 by Alma Little and is a Mom's Choice Award recipient. I have illustrated a number of music books for children for The FJH Music Company, and have illustrated a picture book called *Chicken Lily* for Henry Holt that will be published on 29 March 2016.

I am writing today in hopes that you will help protect artists like myself who make a living creating art. Losing the copyrights to our works would be incredibly devastating both emotionally and financially. Artists need to retain the rights to our work so we can determine how and when it is used. Many hours of schooling and life experience go into the pieces we create, we shouldn't need to worry (more than we already do) that the moment we create something it is available for anyone to do with as they wish. There is nothing great about "The Next Great Copyright Act," it minimizes all of the hard work that artists do and trivializes the works we create. It saddens me to think of the world becoming a less vibrant place if artists feared to share their work.

Sincerely,

Nina Victor Crittenden