

Dear Ms. Pallante,

I am writing to endorse the letter submitted by the Illustrators Partnership. As the letter states "Article 1, Section 8 of the Constitution grants authors the exclusive rights to their work, it is our understanding that rights cannot be abridged without a constitutional amendment." I have been able to practice my profession as an illustrator because the law prevents any other commercial interests from stealing my work and using it for their own purposes. If this right is taken away from me, how does the federal government expect me and the many thousands of other creative Americans to earn a living?

If the copyright laws are crippled by this outrageous and unconstitutional legislation, the entire creative force of this country will be crippled as well. Is that the kind of society we should seek to develop?

Sincerely,

John Rush