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Dear Ms Espinel,

I am a professional photographer, and my greatest concerns about intellectual property laws currently revolve around the pending Orphan Works legislation.

Passage of the Orphan Works bill in it's current form would be very damaging to all professional artists. This bill will have a devastating effect on the livelihoods of artists and other creatives in this country. It will be far too easy for anyone to steal images from the web, and use them freely, with minimal possibility of any meaningful consequences for their actions.

Please do what ever you can to prevent the passage of this bill. The potential benefits are far outweighed by the harm that it will cause.

Thank you very much,

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