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My name is Rob Grabowski and I am from Naperville, IL. and I am a photographer. Since the web and digital photography have become more popular, it has gotten increasingly harder to make a living doing photography. More and more people just steal images off of the internet and even if they are watermarked or the quality is low, they don't care. They use these images without care or concern for the photographer that created the image. With most photographers, they are their own entity and proprietor and have to pay their own health care insurance along with all of the other day to day costs of running a business. And the technology changes so quickly that it truly becomes a struggle to make ends meet and stay competitive. With things like the Orphans Bill that allows people the opportunity to use images and only make good if they are caught is not a valid option. Please consider how hard people in this industry work to provide for their families and not sponge off of the system but, with poor decisions from our government this will only cause more creative artists to become a statistic instead of the taxpaying population.

Please think of the long term affects this will have on this countries economy.

Sincerely,

Robert Grabowski