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To whom it may concern,

My name is Michaelle Fiore and I am an Illustration student from Brooklyn, New York. As a young commercial artist, I feel as if it is my responsibility to get involved and voice my opinions on the Orphan Works Act. Because of current advances in technology, the obtaining of artwork is easier than ever. With resources like the internet and photoshop, obtaining and manipulating images can basically happen instantaneously and is completely unacceptable if the creators of those images do not give consent to do so. Copyright infringement is stealing. When someone's ideas, passion, time and energy are disrespected, misused, or not given the adequate recognition they deserve, those responsible should be disciplined. I do not only think that a campaign to raise awareness about Copyright infringement is a necessary thing for Congress to do, but I feel as if those found guilty of using an image for commercial use without permission should be should be incarcerated as well. Creative works are still work and those holding careers in creative fields should be regarded as professionals with the security of knowing that what they create is protected.

Thank you,

Michaelle Fiore