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Ms. Espinel,

As you contemplate possible changes to US copyright law, I urge you not to weaken the regulations.

Not because it would damage my ability to make a living, but simply because theft is always wrong.

Just as it's wrong to steal someone's car, it's wrong to steal their intellectual property.

If visual artists lose their rights through weakening of copyright law, our whole culture will be deprived of the richness that the arts bring. If artists can't afford to practice their craft we are all diminished. Intellectual property is a key to diversity and rich cultural life.

Do not weaken copyright law. It would be as damaging to our society as allowing any other kind of theft.

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