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To: FN-OMB-IntellectualProperty
Cc: info@copyrightalliance.org
Subject: Orphan Works Legislation
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Dear Ms Espinel – I am a self-employed artist writing to you in opposition to the proposed Orphan Works legislation. If enacted, this law will have a crippling effect on my livelihood. My original work is licensed by dozens of manufacturers and used on hundreds of everyday products that are sold worldwide. Since 1996, my artwork used in this fashion has generated tens of millions of dollars in revenue for these companies, who pay me a royalty on those revenues. Changing the copyright laws as they exist will rob me of any ability to enforce the protection of my work as mine – thereby also robbing me of my ability to earn a living. Critical in any economy, but imperative in the current one is the need to sustain the jobs that still remain viable in the US – and the jobs of the artists like me who supply the manufacturers who supply the consumers are in no way insignificant in this effort. Please do not allow this legislation to become a reality.

Respectfully,

Beth Yarbrough

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