



The Honorable Ric Keller
419 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Congressman Keller;

I am writing to ask you to oppose H.R. 5889 - The Orphan Works Act of 2008.

product development



As President of Lakeside Design, a Central Florida studio which develops products for the gift, craft, and stationery industries, I am deeply concerned that this legislation will undermine the \$175 billion art licensing industry.

This bill will basically allow anyone to use a design after a 'reasonable search'— without the copyright holder's permission. Even if the copyright holder objects, he has no recourse because the bill eliminates the statutory damages that prevent rampant infringement. The bill further requires copyright holders to register their work on a digital database system that does not exist, and might never exist. Yet the bill will be enacted whether or not these data bases— and the technology needed to effectively search them— ever come into existence.

art direction



I am respectfully asking you to vote against this legislation. Alternatively I am asking you to consider proposing an amendment that will tie the bill's enactment to implementing the searchable database it requires.

I have attached a brief for your staff to review, detailing some of the potential consequences of enacting this legislation as written. If your schedule permits I feel so strongly about this legislation that I am willing to fly to Washington D.C. to meet with you in person.

graphic design



Thank you for your kind consideration of my views.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Joanne Fink". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Joanne Fink, President
Lakeside Design

print production

