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Dear Ms. Espinel and the Obama Administration,

The Copyright Alliance has informed me of this welcome invitation from the Obama Administration to share my thoughts on my rights as a creator. Like many other authors, I receive google alerts that inform me when my name or book titles show up on the web. Every week, I find my copyrighted novels offered for free on file-sharing sites that claim they bear no responsibility for allowing individuals to infringe my copyrights by posted downloads of my copyrighted novels without permission from my publisher or me. These file-sharing sites make it cumbersome, difficult, or impossible to secure a takedown of copyrighted files of works that have been illegally uploaded. When I do request a takedown and my request is obliged, my copyrighted works usually reappear on these sites. Authors are not rich. We work very hard to earn a living from our writing. The U.S. government can do to better protect the rights of creative Americans. Please hold these file-sharing sites culpable and institute legal ramifications for file-sharing or hosting file-sharing of copyrighted works.

Thank you,

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