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To 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."

May i tell you a bit about my self? I'm a mother of two and a struggling artist. I love to write stories for people to read. I'd love more than anything to see books go to electronic format, but the piracy is unbelievable and makes me very wary of submitting my book to an electronic publishing house.

I am an artist and I believe our rights should be the same as the musicians. As it stands, we are not allowed to pursue anyone who may have downloaded our books from a pirate source. The only thing we're allowed to do it contact the company it was downloaded from. They don't do anything! It's a waste of time contacting them. I'd love to see my work reach millions of people. It's my dream. But what people don't understand is when they download something for free from one of those sites, they take away from artists like me who are trying to make it in this world. They take from my children, my family.

Please help us to protect our rights as artists! We depend on you for this part of our jobs, our lives. We have fought so hard to protect ourselves just for time and time again to be denied the rights that belong to us too. Musicians get their protection, why can't writers, designers, publishing companies?!

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