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ASMP and the Copyright Alliance have informed me of this welcome invitation from the Obama Administration to share my thoughts on my rights as a creator.

I am just starting out in the business of Photography. This orphan works thing kinda scares me, because I can't afford not to get paid for my work. If someone likes one of my photos, but it has somehow migrated to somewhere where it's not readily apparent that it belongs to me, if it's not absolutely illegal, then people are not going to dig for that information. It's not ok to steal images off of my website, but if I enter a contest, or put my photos on facebook, those images go on a journey that's not particularly controllable. There's always a path, but it takes a lot of effort to follow it back. People won't go through that effort unless there's some kind of retribution.

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