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Dear Ms. Espinel:

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

I have made my living for the last twenty years as a self employed stock photographer. The digital revolution, while bringing expanded global marketing opportunities, has also allowed the rampant theft by copying of my photographs, my copyrighted intellectual property. While business has been hurt by the economic downturn of the last year or two, it is a known fact that the majority of photographs available for lease on various legitimate internet sites, have been at some time compromised and stolen by unauthorized users, either naive amateurs or sophisticated criminals wishing to avoid paying commercial usage fees.

Please add my name and voice to the effort to educate the world's population about the value of intellectual property and copyright protection, and tighten regulations and strengthen penalties for this type of abuse and theft.

Sincerely,

Gary Conner
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