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

*When I started to create a few websites starting in 1995, people took it on themselves to take the graphics that I created and photos that I had taken. They copied my ideas as well. The internet wasn't commercialized yet, but still, it interfered with my income.*

*I had 2 sites that I sold 2 different craft items that I made. They were both original and I created the ideas and the items. Before long I saw that other people were copying them and selling them for much cheaper (they were not the same quality) and put me right out of business online, and had a huge effect on my offline business as well.*

*I stopped both of those projects because this activity ran my income into the ground.*

*I also had 3 automotive sites, the largest being for Classic Buicks where I made every single graphic and took the thousands of auto photos that were shown. (I did the same on the other 2 sites). I made a small amount of money on optional donations, and would not accept advertisers, even though they offered me pretty good money.*

*People who do creative things, do it for the love of creating. Anyone who steals the soul of another person by calling their art and creations their own, should be held accountable for damages caused by that theft of intellectual property.*

*Cordially,  
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It's nice to start the day with the thought  
that your life is in your own hands!