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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.

I have worked as a fine artist, graphic artist and musician for the last 37 years. Work as a fine artist and musician cannot even begin to pay the bills or provide a living wage for the majority of people working in those creative areas. I believe it is important to treat the creative products of all with respect and payment for the time, talent and energy it takes to produce their art and innovations. Without adequate intellectual property protection people could not afford to work in the creative fields. Just as engineering, manufacturing, drug companies would not be in business without profits and protection of their creations, artists need to pay their bills and feed their families.

As a supporter of this administration I am confident you will take this matter to heart in your continued effort to protect all people not just a select group.

Best regards, Martha Dittmann Graphic Designer, AIGA Member Seattle, Washington