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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.

I have seen several blatant examples of theft just in the past two years. I am a photographer and have belonged to the Massachusetts Professional Photographers Association where I have met some great photographers. I was approached by one of the members recently. They said that a Nantucket business downloaded from the web a copyrighted photograph made by that member and used it in their advertising. Another similar case also occurred.

An artist friend, a potter, noted that a large chain store stopped buying his work only to find the exact same items were being manufactured overseas and sold by that same chain.

Because of the ease with which theft can occur, we face a serious crisis.

Please remember that thousands of small businesses are at risk because of copyright infringement. This is no trivial issue.

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