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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 have been a Commercial Photographer for over 30 years and have seen all kinds of changes in our industry over the years. I feel very strongly that the changes in recent years regarding copyright & intellectual property are among the most serious and potentially damaging to us all on many levels. The increasing trends towards feeling that anything can be copied and used for profit or otherwise without any consequences is already having impact on all artists and creators. Schools are actually teaching students how to download copyrighted images from the internet so they don't have to pay for them.

We are in a profession that is being pushed down from many directions. Artists of all kinds are being forced out of business. We need your help, support, laws and enforcement in order to help us survive and continue to produce our work without fear of theft.

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