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To whom it may concern,

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. As a professional photographer, the fact that I own the copyright to my work is the only thing that allows me to successfully make a living. However, there are forces at work on a daily basis to strip away copyright from the content creators. Through the internet, theft and misuse of my work, and the work of thousands of other professional photographers across the country is constantly at risk and nearly impossible to police. Anything the government can do to help truly protect the rights of creators would be welcome. I would think that more legislation in favor of content creators that would help win a legal case would help be more deterrent against theft of copyrighted material. Education to the general public about copyright and why its important would also help.

Thank you for giving us the chance to voice our concern.

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