From: To:

FN-OMB-IntellectualProperty

Subject:

My Intellectual Property Rights

Date:

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Dear Ms. Espinel and the Obama Administration,

the 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 am a professional photographer living and working in Alaska. Now it might seem like Alaska is quite isolated from the rest of the world, but in todays high-tech environment and the internet, changes made in the intellectual property rights laws have just as much impact on me living in Alaska as if I was working in New York or Los Angles.

I work very hard at what I do, putting my heart and soul into every picture I take. I don't believe that anyone else should profit from the imagery that I create just because I don't have the deep pocktets of a large corporation to protect my interests. As you know, the unauthorized copying, sale, and distribution of artists' intellectual property directly impacts the ability of artists and creators to control the use of their own creativity, not to mention their ability to receive income they have earned from their labor. This impacts U.S. employment and the economy, and our ability to globally compete.

When you are considering what type of course to take regarding copyright protection please keep the interests of the individual content providers like myself at heart.

Best regards,

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