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Ms. Espinel,

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. My photography business is based on licensing usage of the images I create. I have been registering my creative works with the Copyright Office at the Library of Congress for over ten years. On more than one occasion this registration of images has made the difference in being compensated or not when my intellectual property [images] have been used without permission.

As a small business owner it has been difficult to be recognized and heard in the copyright debate. The proposed "Orphan Works" legislation is one of largest threats to my business. Any new legislation or government agency policies that weaken current copyright law are detrimental to the thousands of small business [creators] owners.

Regards,

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