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Dear 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. I am just starting out my professional life as a freelance writer and photographer in an incredibly competitive field. If I am going to be able to successfully pursue this career and have a chance to make a real living out of it, I need to know that my creative efforts will be protected from pirating, counterfeiting and other forms of theft by those who do not respect the rights of artists. If the Obama Administration is truly committed to job formation AND the long-term sustainability of job growth in this country, this is an important part of the puzzle. We photographers, journalists and our fellow artists are "small business people" who struggle to make ends meet in our professions while at the same time providing our country and the world with vivid and wonderful ways to appreciate our lives and our surroundings. To have our creations stolen from us is a disaster, literally devaluing our work and making a sustainable business closer to impossible. Please take steps to assure that the creative output of Americans is protected.

Sincerely yours,

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