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Subject: my thoughts on my rights as a creator
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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.

As a documentary photographer, I honor those who allow and trust me and my camera in their lives.

In turn, my responsibility is to be certain that the subjects of my photographs are not misrepresented in any way.

As a visual artist for whom integrity is as significant as creativity, my rights as a copyright owner have provided me with the control over the dissemination of my work. I wish to keep it this way and hope that the Obama administration will recognize the importance of protecting intellectual property.

As the great Dorothea Lange once wrote: "It is not the photograph that is the object; the consequences of the photograph are the object."

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Yours truly,
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