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Subject: RE COPYRIGHT
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Dear Victoria Espinel,

I and my colleagues greatly appreciate that you and your staff are coordinating our copyright defense as this copyright is essential to the maintenance of our livelihood.

I create images and write books on photography and have experienced infringement of my rights over many years. When someone or a commercial entity infringes my copyright they essentially take income from me. But the fact that I endeavor to protect my rights with solid declarations and contracts is only the first step in this protection as any pirate may still illegally use my images without my consent and it may be extremely difficult if not impossible to discover the theft. When I do discover the theft the process in getting proper compensation can be very costly.

There has been no less than six cases in which I had knowledge of such an infringement. On three of these cases I was able to get a negotiated compensation. The other three proved to be too costly to pursue. This means that there is a need to for strong laws and rules that make it too costly for pirates to continue their copyright infringement policies. Breaching copyright should be more than a breach of my copyright and subject to whatever resulting financial consequences. Theft is theft and should be treated as theft with its consequential sentences.

I take great pride in my creations and other authored products and each costs not only financial investment but much time that needs to be rewarded.or I may be working for minimum wage. When another party, individual or corporate, steals my work it is nothing less than theft. Theft is criminal cat. Copyright infringement is theft and should be treated as theft and the law should recognize this fact and allow criminal prosecution for offenders when appropriate compensation is not obtained.

Sincerely,

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