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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 an editorial photographer, I fight a constant battle to combat illegal usage of my images. If I don't get paid for each use, I can't pay my bills. Moving copyright registration of photographic images on-line is a step in the right direction, but the process is awkward and takes too much time. Whether an image has been published or not before registration should not matter. Copyright registration needs to be further streamlined so that photographers can easily register their work. This will require greater funding for the Copyright Office, but only then will my intellectual property have the full protection that the Copyright Law intended. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
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