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Hello,

The Copyright Alliance has informed me of this welcome invitation from the Obama Administration to share my thoughts on my rights as a creator.

I'm a songwriter and software developer in Nashville, Tennessee. As such, the issue of intellectual property rights affects me in multiple ways and is a constant part of my life. I see friends and co-workers who are affected every day from business owners who have to close because their software is stolen more than bought to musicians who can't afford to tour or put out albums because 10,000 people downloaded their album for free but only 20 bought it.

The very heart and soul of our nation is our art and the brutal fact is whether you're a painter buying paints or a musician buying instruments it takes money to create it. If we continue to devalue it and take from the creators without compensation they will be unable to continue creating new works. Without art we will lose not only our greatest treasure, but our very heart.

Please work to protect creators rights. We're counting on you.

-David Seger