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Ms. Espinel and the Obama Administration:

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 have always loved writing and dreamed of being a published author. In July 2009 my dream came true when my first short novel was published as an e-book. It took a long time and a lot of hard work for me to realize this dream, so when I found my novel on two websites as a free download to anyone, I felt my dream crash. I spent many months writing, editing and promoting my book. For these people to take my hard work without my permission, for their own personal gain, is stealing and should be punished as such, both swiftly and strongly.

Trying to get those who infringe upon my work to remove the links from their websites is a long and arduous process, a grueling up hill battle. It shouldn't be that way. Something needs to be done to make the process for all artists and creative persons to have their work removed from a criminals website, or other media outlet, easier. To have the work removed immediately not when they decide they are tired of our requests. Our requests should not be ignored as they are now.

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