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Dear Ms. Espinel:

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

My name is Mary Ann Soerries and I am a fine art photographer hoping to supplement my retirement income through my photography. Obviously, intellectual property rights are important to me in achieving that goal.

Not only do intellectual property rights need to be protected, the public needs to be made aware of the laws. I have encountered people who were so naive about the matter that they told me that they were going to take my photo and scan it into their computer, enlarge it and hang it on their wall. They couldn't understand why buying a note card did not entitle them to do what they wanted to with my photo. I had to explain that they did not buy the rights to reproduce my art.

Thank you, Ms Espinel for your efforts on this important matter.

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