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Dear 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.

As Professional Photographers, the only way we make money to pay our bills, taxes and ourselves is through the creation of our work.

All too often we hear "it's just a photograph", or "It's my image", when in reality the image was created by a professional. When our images are illegally used either in print, web or by copying them for friends, we all lose. The Professional loses income, the state and federal government loses taxes, the manufacturers lose income on products used to produce photographs and the quality of our work is degraded.

We are working Professionals with a combined experience of 110 years!

Please try and find a way to make copyrighting easier, affordable and somehow make the individuals aware that infringement costs everyone.

Sincerely,

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