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Hello Victoria 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.

As a photographer and web content creator security of my intellectual property is a major concern. In fact because of the amount of content I create I spend a great deal of time and money trying to protect my creations via copyright.

This however does not keep some from using my works without permission or compensation.

It is not uncommon for me to find or be notified by others of my content being used with out permission on others web sites or blogs.

IN the resent past is have happen 18 times in the last 9 months that I am aware of and in each instance the infringing web site went so far as to claim ownership of the content rather than crediting me as the original content creator. This even extended to a number of the videos I created that had a clear watermark embedded in the video displaying my brand and copyright.

In other instances images I have been hired to produce for clients have found there way on to other companies web sites.

Again not credit no compensation.

In each of these instances I have been denied compensation for my work, the pre and post production and all expenses that went into these productions not to mention the years of experience that allowed my to create these unique creations.

Unless the intellectual property and copyright laws are not only enforced but strengthened creators will find little reason to create as they can not make a living, and cease to exist.

Creation of new visuals and even technology that we use and at times have to invent in order to achieve our end results will disappear or at the very least greatly diminish.

The trickle down from all this is the lose of jobs to the support staff that we employ on a full time or freelance basis;

And the lose of revenue to the support businesses that we use daily to rent equipment, rent production studios, and related productions services which then leads to those companies laying off staff or as we have seen here in NYC many companies closing all together.

Please consider taking what ever steps are possible to allow visual content creators the opportunity to continue to retain all of their rights to the works we create.

And provide stronger laws that will allow us to recoup losses from those that devalue our works by stealing them.

Thank you.

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