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Ms. Espinel:

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

I make my living as a photographer, so copyright protection is of extreme importance to me. If others are free to use my images — images that cost me money to produce, time to produce and most importantly, my own personal creativity to produce — in any way they imagine, there is no way for me to provide my family with a fair and decent standard of living.

Recent discussion of Orphan Works legislation that would put the burden of proof onto the creative, thereby benefitting organizations who seek to steal use of art, has given me and those in my industry great consternation. Please do everything you can to protect the intellectual property rights of creative Americans. Because without creativity, our nation's days of prosperity are surely numbered.

Thank you.

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