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To: FN-OMB-IntellectualProperty
Cc: info@copyrightalliance.org

**Subject:** Protect the rights of artists and creators in our country

**Date:** Tuesday, March 23, 2010 9:38:45 PM

Dear Ms. Espinel and the Obama Administration,

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 am a new media photographer based in Washington, DC and I rely on my creativity to create products that financially support my livelihood and that of others. I understand and support the rights of artist who's work I've paid for in usage rights when creating multimedia materials. Intellectual property rights are very important to me and that we need laws protecting my creations from piracy and infringements either domestically and internationally. I believe our government can better protect the creative rights of Americans by pursuing strong laws that allow and enable enforcement of violators.

The freedom for me to be as creative as possible also relies in knowing that my government supports me and will protect me when it comes to intellectual property rights and that they will do everything in their power to do so.

I would like to thank Ms. Espinel and the Obama Administration in providing me this opportunity to voice my concerns and that of others in the creative field that rely heavily on your support and protection.

Sincerely,

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