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To: [FN-OMB-IntellectualProperty](#)
Subject: Why Intellectual property rights are important to me.
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Dear Ms. Espinel,

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

I am a professional photographer working in Los Angeles, CA. I make a living selling my creative photographic works, both fine art photography and commercial. I have had works used without my knowledge, permission and without being compensated. The most egregious instance was when a magazine published an entire spread of my shots of a model, having bought the pictures that I gave to the model under a personal use license. The magazine even credited me as the photographer, but never contacted me for permission to use the pictures or to compensate me. Because the pictures were copyrighted, the mere mention of a lawsuit got me three times the compensation that I would have gotten had they purchased the publishing rights from me pre-publication.

I hope that the Administration will do everything it can to continue to give us protection for what we create. With the Internet, it becomes even more important that the laws are strong in this area. It is way too easy for people to snatch our pictures and use them without paying for the usage rights.

Thank you for your interest in looking after our rights as creative professionals.

Jason Wittman

~ I See The World In Stills ~

Here's the Proof

<http://jasonshots.com>

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To order fine art photography prints
visit my on-line gallery store at:

<http://jasonwittman.imagekind.com>