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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 photographer. I have also made my living a musician/songwriter. I am a creative person who makes my living in the creative fields.

I do not grow tomatoes. I do not fabricate steel. I do not drill people's teeth. I create images.

Creativity is not protected by the same assumptions as personal property. Most people are either not, or choose not to be, aware of the copyright protections granted to protect creativity. The law must be clear and fair.

If we do not protect creativity as we protect personal property, then creative people will be short changed, in fact, they will be victims.

Creativity is what makes our music, software, entertainment, games, marketing industries thrive here and abroad.

I only want for creativity, the same rule of law that we Americans assume is our personal property right.

Thanks,

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