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President Obama, Victoria Espinel, and all concerned,

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. As I am sure you are well aware, infringement upon copyrights and intellectual property can have a tremendous impact on an artist, photographer, designer, or any creators ability to earn an income from there creations. Not to mention, the unauthorized use of a single image or design can have a ripple effect on many levels.

As a photographer, it seems that within the last few years, individuals have very little respect for the amount of time, money and effort that goes into creating images. To them, "it's just an image", and that they can do with it what as they please. Not to mention the convenience at which someone can obtain images via the internet. With more publications going to an electronic format, it will only make it easier for individuals to obtain others creations at no charge. For just about everything else in this country, we would call that theft. This cannot continue if I, and others in creative fields, plan to earn a living in our current careers.

If there is truly intent to restore and preserve our economic status, protecting intellectual property of creators would be a great place to start.

Thanks,
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