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Dear Ms. Espinel,

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

I am an author. My romance novels were first published as e-books. I have been e-published since 1996. My books are all available as Kindle editions, in addition to several other formats.

This makes them available to the reading public through the convenience of on-line shopping; a boon to our senior citizens as well as other home-bound readers.

I am delighted at the opportunity to supplement my Social Security income with the royalties I am paid for these e-book editions.

Unfortunately, we have dealt with cyber-pirates from the very beginning. Some how people who pirate my books don't believe I should be paid for my creative efforts, yet they may sell the pirated copies on their sites, or even give them away.

While that may be an altruistic thought, I have little incentive to continue to wrack my brain and create wonderful stories and characters. If I can't continue to earn royalties and be rewarded for my creativity, I may have to stop writing all together and find a much less rewarding way to earn a little additional income.

But then the pirate has nothing to steal, the customer has nothing to read and we all lose.

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Dark Side of Paradise, *Moonlight Fire*, *Daughter of the Dragon*, *Little Secrets*,
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