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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 find that with the change to digital technology attitudes toward copying artists creative works have also changed. It is more common place for people to feel that because they can copy images and recordings easily that it is okay for them to do so. Any weakening of the copyright laws will only reinforce this.

I have caught two clients (with means to easily pay for the work) red handed with unauthorized copies they personally made of my work. They argued that they were within their rights to do so, until I explained the law and that selling photographs is how I make my living. I have been informed that many others are doing this which I have not caught. I have had to reorganize my business, spend more time and buy more technology to slow this trend, but my income has suffered due to this copying. If this trend continues it will cause many artists, possibly myself, from being able to make a living at our chosen and practiced profession. This will lessen the creative output of our country and further erode of the middle class.

I support clearer and stronger copyright laws, but more importantly I encourage the Obama administration to effect a change in attitudes in our society about this increase in the disregard for the current laws.

Thank you for your consideration and your time.

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