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Ms. Espinel,

I just wanted to take a moment to email you and let you know how important it is to protect my rights to the images I create as a professional photographer. Sadly, many in the general public feel that is their right to steal my images for their personal use, be it for reprints or to put them on their social network pages or their personal websites.

I work very hard to create the finest portraits that it is possible for me to create and I need to be paid for any and all usage of my images. Without copyright protection, my work, and that of other creative individuals, would become open season to steal. For those of us within the creative community, it is VERY important that our work is protected and our rights preserved. Without that protection, we can not afford to continue on in our creative endeavors.

Do we as a society, as a country, want the creative people in our great country to stop what we are doing? What a sad situation it would be if there were no more artists, composers, photographers, movie makers, etc.

It would also be really nice if there could be some public service type ads that would remind the public of our rights, along with the penalties for violations and the ultimate price being the loss of creative people willing to produce their work.

Thank you in advance for your work on our behalf.

Sincerely,

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