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Ms. Espinel:

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. Quite simply, if an idea for a photograph comes from my mind, then it belongs to me. It is my intellectual property. It's no different than a new computer program, medical treatment or mechanical device. Further, derivative use must be prohibited.

As you know, the unauthorized copying, sale, and distribution of artists' intellectual property directly impact the ability of artists and creators to control the use of their own creativity, not to mention my ability to receive income I have earned from my labor. This impacts U.S. employment and the economy, and my ability to globally compete.

Please protect my intellectual property rights with the strongest possible U.S. government regulations.

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