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

Three quick points:

- Protect the tens of thousands of individual content creators from ill-conceived "Orphan Works" legislation. There is no practical way to create or operate a central database. "Orphan Works" is a license to steal with impunity.
- Remove the registration requirement for statutory copyright protection.
- Put reasonable limits on corporate copyrights. There have been far too many "Walt Disney" extensions to the Copyright Act. They chip away at what little respect remains for intellectual property in the minds of the public.

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