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Dear 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. As an emerging professional photographer my ability to enter the realm of full-time professional photography depends on unique images and intellectual property. I have painstakingly seen how difficult it is to break into this creative profession, and it is without a doubt impossible without the protection and control of my images. I have no chance of becoming a business owner without protection of my images and all other forms of work including video.

Copyright law needs to be strengthened, with harsher penalties for infractions. The internet and digital age has created rampant theft. Without protection I cannot grow as a business person (or even survive) and I'm afraid the industry of photography will be lost. This will severely impact U.S. employment, this economy and our nation's ability to compete globally. I hope you will take my words into consideration.

Sincerely,

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