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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. I am a photographer in Kingston, TN. Some of my photographs have been copied from the internet and used for advertising purposes on other internet web sites without my permission. The user did not pay for the usage, but did remove the images from their web site after several of my requests. Several months later the same web site started using the same images again. They would not pay for the usage, but finally removed the pictures from their web site. So, my time and effort to produce the images and the hours required to convince them to stop using the images were wasted, and no income resulted.*

*I realize that this kind of misuse of photographs will occur, but proper laws to protect the creation of artistic works is needed. Otherwise professional artists will not be able to exist and make a living. Our culture will suffer as a result. Creative artists of all kinds are a large part of the soul of our culture.*

*Ron McConathy*