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"The Copyright Alliance and A2IM (the U.S. independent music label trade organization) have informed me of this welcome invitation from the Obama Administration to share my thoughts on my rights as a creator."

I'm not the creator of any artistic form but I am a person that has worked and helped develop many recording artist throughout my career. What has happened to the integrity of the entertainment industry is a major crime. What has personally happened to my friends in the business and I over the past several years while the government sat back and watched is disgraceful. For the public to think that it is their right to get music and movies (before/during and after release)for free is theft and it has effected everyone connected to the entertainment industry. From the person working in the warehouse pulling orders to the representatives in the field working on behalf of the artist and their labels and retailer across the country.

I was one of the luckiest people on this earth because every morning I woke up looking forward to another day of working to help develop an new artist childhood dream "To be a star". My luck ran out over three years ago when my company was forced to cut back do to the decline in sales. I spent years working from the bottom in the warehouse to develop my career only to have the public (FREE) download my career and dreams away. The public has this idea of thinking that they are just taking from the artist or actor who makes enough money anyway. They can't see past that point to think about the individuals that work behind the scenes in the business so they can live the American dream of raising their family.

What now will drive the desire for talented individuals with vision and creativity for the arts when their works and creations will be left with no real reward in the end other then being stolen with no recourse. Someone needs to put a stop to piracy and infringement because it effects the economy at many levels. The unemployment levels that have been created from this lack of respect of both music and movies is crazy and their will be more if some form of action isn't taken.

I may never get another chance to continue my dream but it would be great to see Washington stand up for the rights that are so deserved of the creators of the arts.....No Music No Life!!

Regards,

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