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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 photojournalist specializing in the automotive and motorsports trades. I have been active in this business, reviewing new cars and writing/photographing all of my stories, since the middle 1970s.

Over the years, I have had my copy and my images lifted - despite each item carrying my © insignia - on a regular basis. This is thievery, pure and simple. With the advent of internet it has gotten worse. I have also had my stories/images used without promised payment - this, too, is a major copyright infringement.

Copyright protection is necessary for artists of all stripe and should transcend all national boundaries. There is no convenient rationale to deny this right; to do so would deny the artist's conception and singular purpose.

While I don't like the idea of creating more baseless laws in this country, I do believe that we, as artists, need protection under the law, just as a carpenter or mill worker or electrician or teacher (for instance) needs protection. I will assist this administration in any way possible to help enact fair and broad-reaching legislation designed to protect, not punish, artists for their singular artistry.

Thank you.

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