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Dear Ms. Espinel,

I understand from the American Association of Media Photographers and the Copyright Alliance that the Obama administration is seeking input about how intellectual property infringement affects the American Public. This is a welcome opportunity, and I would like to share my thoughts as a creator. As a professional photographer, I depend on enforcement of copyright to make a living. Indirectly, this issue also affects the health of many related professions; photographers who can't pay their bills due to copyright infringement also cannot invest in needed photo equipment, computers, software, printing, education, and many other related industries. I already spend too much of my working day chasing down unauthorized photo uses, and current trends are not encouraging. Creative people have always been an important part of what makes this country so special; on behalf of all Americans, please make every effort to battle copyright infringement and strengthen existing safeguards of intellectual property.

Sincerely,

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