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Dear Ms. Espinel - The Copyright Alliance has informed me of this welcome invitation from the Obama Administration to share my thoughts on my rights as a creator. My name is Linda Tieu and I am a self-employed designer and artist, living abroad but a U.S. citizen and working for U.S. clients where U.S. laws and taxes still apply to me. More and more often the artist community, especially online, has been impacted negatively due to piracy of creative work. The unfortunate situation is that many artists and designers are independents and in so many cases, admit they do not have the funds to hire a copyright lawyer to fight big corporations or other agencies that have a team behind them. From my perspective it seems the law is in favor of the "big guys." Please keep in mind the creative businesses and individuals when considering any change in the copyright laws. I think tougher penalties and regulations should be put in place, but also education of the laws and how to act when there is infringement, etc need to be implemented so we are all aware and can help ourselves equally. Thank you for taking the time to listen. Sincerely, Linda Tieu Californian living in Italy Designer and Artist <http://www.tortagialla.com>