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Dear Ms. Espinel,

ASMP and the Copyright Alliance have informed me of this welcome invitation to share my thoughts on my rights as a creator. I have been a commercial photographer for over 30 years. As an artist and creator, I believe it is crucial that the US government continues to take a strong stance on the protection of intellectual property. With the creation of the Internet, much intellectual property has become accessible to a worldwide audience. It has become increasingly difficult to protect our rights as creators against many instances of infringement. These infringements directly affect the income and livelihood of every creator of intellectual property. The piracy and infringements have already done a great deal of damage to many creative industries. It is crucial that copyright laws are stringently enforced as standards seem to become more relaxed. Artists and creators should also be encouraged to actively seek copyright protection of all of their works. The copyright process should be easier to access by individuals. The US has a wealth of creative industries and has had a long history of protecting the intellectual properties of those industries. Without strong government protection and enforcement, creators will have little protection or incentive to continue in their chosen fields.

Thank you for this opportunity to express my thoughts on this issue.

Sincerely,

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