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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.

As a photographer protection of my copyright is imperative. A majority of jobs are filled by small business, without proper protections these small businesses will be adversely affected economically and therefore impacting the jobs picture for our country.

We not only need protections as it pertains to individual infringements on the internet but also willful infringements by giant publishers and multinational corporations, that, at times, act with the belief that small copyright holders are no match for them. The small creators must be protected or there will be no value to intellectual property.

Since photography and other creative endeavors have been commodified by the large stock houses, it has led to the belief that if it is on the internet, it is free. This belief that because it is on the internet it is free must be addressed. Creators cannot run a business on free and if we aren't backed up by strong copyright protects, with sharp teeth for infringers, we all suffer.

Thanks for asking,

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