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The Copyright Alliance has recently informed that the Obama Administration has issued an invitation to share my thoughts on my right as a creator.

My name is Jane Yolen. I live in Hatfield, MA. For over 45 years I have made my living as a freelance writer, authoring 300 books, plus massive amounts of poetry, short stories, reviews, etc. Some have done well, some have gone quickly out of print. I have mostly written for children, but also for adults and young adults. And with my writing, I have helped support my family, sending my children through college, always paying my own way.

For years, even the OP works were still under my copyright. But now, for the first time, with copyright theft and Internet piracy, I have been finding a lot of my work on line without either permission, copyright notice, or payment. While I am told that this expands my audience, and such thieves exhort me that information wants to be free, I wonder how they would feel if I put their Visa card numbers and names on line so everyone could help themselves to their credit. They are doing exactly that by taking the only thing I can possibly sell to make my living, supporting my children, grandchildren, keeping a roof over my head, buying my groceries, paying my taxes.

I work 7 days a week, 365 days a year. (Yes, even on Christmas, Chanukah, Kwanza--name your favorite holiday here.) Being a working freelance artist of any kind of not for sissies. Don't take from us what living we can make or you may end up--through government welfare--finding yourselves having to support us all in the end.

Jane Yolen