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Dear Ms. Espinel,

ASMP and the Copyright Alliance have informed me of this welcome invitation from the Obama Administration to share my thoughts on my rights as a creator."

After twenty-five years as an independent commercial photographer I consider the copyrights to my body of work to be my most valuable asset. One that I hope will not only see me through my retirement years but also benefit my family after I'm gone.

My Clients benefit from my control over copyrights as well. I can afford to keep my fees lower up front, if I'm able to generate additional income from the works, in the future.

The knowledge that I have control over the images I create motivates me to produce more and better work. I understand the ultimate goal of copyright is to enrich "The Public Domain." What better way to insure this happens than to protect, *for a limited time*, the creators right to profit from their creations?

As a creator, I am most concerned with the proposed Orphan Works Bill. It is my opinion that it would remove any real protection from copyright infringement. I believe the current copyright law including the "fair use" provisions, are adequate.

As a sole proprietor, I am the smallest of small businesses. Staying in business is tough, especially in this economy. Please keep me and the thousands of other individual creators in mind, should this legislation be re-introduced. Not all copyrights are held by large corporations.

While I am pleased that I now have the ability to register my copyrights on line, I would like to see the process simplified, especially registration of published work.

Thank you for this opportunity to voice my opinions.

Sincerely,

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