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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 job depends on the integrity of intellectual property rights - both mine and those of the artists with whom I work. The proliferation of photographic images in cyberspace has created the mistaken impression that anything posted to the net can be copied and used at will. This is not true. When a photograph is created, it is copyrighted. If it's registered with the Copyright Office in DC, remedy for infringement can be enforced to greater effect. Owning a print does not imply ownership of the right to reproduce the image. Photographs are licensed, not sold. This information needs to be better known.

Right click does not make it right.

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