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Ms. Victoria Espinel  
U. S. Intellectual Property Enforcement Coordinator

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. I am an owner of a commercial photography business located in Houston, TX. In that capacity, I create photographs that serve the needs of magazines' editorial content as well as corporate communication departments.

I am truly concerned about the theft and unauthorized use of intellectual properties. A photograph that I create can be used without license or authorization on a website, in copies of books, or on labels and packaging to sell goods. I am also concerned about movements to weaken copyright laws or promote "sharing" to trump intellectual property ownership. The laws of the United States of America should protect and foster innovation and creativity. These protections allow me to make a living and also promote our country's artists and creators as world leaders in the creation of intellectual properties.

I urge you and our government leaders to protect existing law, strengthen it as necessary to accommodate new technologies of distribution, and to rigorously pursue international and domestic sources of piracy of intellectual property works.

With Regards,

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