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Ms. Espinel and the Obama Administration,

I am a freelance artist. The Copyright Alliance has informed me of this welcome invitation from the Obama Administration to share my thoughts on my rights as a creator.

Intellectual property rights are important to my business. They are everything. In today's technology driven world it is increasingly easy to infringe in others work. I personally have come across people making money by selling novelty items with artwork copied from an artist's web site where permission was not given! Is there some way to discourage this! I also know of a home decor company that tells the inhouse staff to just copy artwork directly from another product for use on their product...no permission is given! They don't even ask! The company knows the laws and does it anyway. They have been sued, they just pay a fine and do it again! This takes money directly out of my family's pocket! The U.S. government can do to better protecting the rights of creative Americans.

Please see that our rights are protected. From today's works moving forward and previous works created in the past!

Kind regards,
Laurie Musser
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