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Sent: Tuesday, August 5, 2014 1:40 PM
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Subject: Royalties lost!

Dear US Government,

My name is PJ Adams. My stage name is PJ Shadowhawk. I am owner/CEO of Dinosaur Records USA, a small independent and perennially broke music production company here in CA. I also own PJAdamsongs, an ASCAP music publishing company, and a recording studio and music production company called Dinosaur Records Productions USA. I've done everything legally and according to the LAW.

Currently I have a new CD "NeverEverLand" which was released on June 23rd. Since that time I've sold less than \$500 worth of my CDs and LEGAL downloads. Unfortunately, my ASCAP protections do not adequately protect me from piracy (illegal downloads) nor illegal streaming. There have been since June almost 20,000 documented illegal downloads of this CD all round the world. Imagine the money I should have received for those if they were sales! Add to that streaming legal and illegal in similar numbers. I get not even a penny for the legal streaming and nothing for the illegal streaming.

This is an atrocity and extremely detrimental to the creative process and immensely unfair to songwriters, musicians and struggling start up companies, such as my own. It is a slap in the face of musicians everywhere and what does it say about our country of the rich, by the rich and for the rich!

Add to these lost sales, I have played on 20 or so CDs, LPs, and Cassette releases over the years. If I'd been paid justly for these efforts, I may have been able to compete with the drug money Rap, Hip Hop and Speed Metal independents out there. I would also have been perhaps doing soundtrack work. Who knows what I could have afforded to produce in these past 40 years. Instead, I am barely a footnote in the musical history of this country. And no wonder I am always broke!

I just hope this govt wakes up and realizes how this miscarriage of my legal rights has led to the destruction of quality music and the poisoning of our culture!

Please take action to help musicians and songwriters both here at home and internationally.

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