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Subject: I am opposed to the ASCAP and BMI consent decrees

To: United States Department of Justice

I am an American songwriter, and a member of BMI. I'm submitting this comment on my own behalf in opposition to the ASCAP and BMI consent decrees. I believe these government actions essentially are a compulsory license outside of the Congress and take away songwriters' rights to due process of law.

I urge you to please raise the pay rates to songwriters, that multi-million dollar companies like, but not limited to, the following pay: Clear Channel, Sirius, Pandora, YouTube/Google, Amazon and Spotify.

Living under these consent decrees feels oppressive and I have found that when the government acts oppressively it is often acting outside of the Constitution.

Please end the ASCAP and BMI consent decrees, and open up new creation of a fair compensation rights system, that restores their right to negotiate and have existing rates negotiated in favor of songwriters, and end the outrageous portions that have been set aside for the multi-million dollar companies at the expense of the artists livings.

Please listen to my music at the following links to see if you think I should be under-paid or properly paid for my work:

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<http://www.StevenCravis.com>

P A N D O R A Australia, New Zealand and USA at
<http://www.pandora.com/station/play/232644677482422104>

Purchase downloads of all my albums here: <http://www.smarturl.it/downloadcd>