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Subject: My 2 cents worth

I am a new songwriter. I am also a publisher. The rate per song hasn't been increased for like 17 years. My mother escaped Russia in 1919 when she was 6 months old. Her sister the anchor baby was born in New York July 4 1907, I'm exactly 50 years later July 4th 1957. My aunt was a charter member of Screen Actors Guild. We only have one attorney in the family, Justice Louis Brandeis. Read Barbara Barondess oral history, as she was the only American Citizen that was held at Ellis Island. What differentiates us from Russia? Onerous consent decrees are in place for ASCAP and BMI. We just want a chance at a decent living. We came to Ameeca because we are capitalists and we want a chance. Please change the arrangement to allow more latitude and a decent chance. Don't let internet companies railroad us by making us earn less than welfare.

Here is what I suggest. By the way, my dad's family came to America in 1859 and moved next door to an attorney in Springfield Ill. My grandfather who was born in 1864 sat on his lap. I don't have his Illinois bar card #, just take my word this gentleman was an attorney, and depending how long you have been on the job, he may have been your boss, his name was Abraham Lincoln. So we made uniforms for the north during the civil war, and then my grandads older brother bought 25% of Sears Roebuck and Co. Google the name, Julius Rosenwald, he gave away 63 million dollars and created over 5000 Rosenwald Schools. We were taught to do what we wanted with our lives. I chose music. The museum of Science and Industry in Chicago is an example of his civic philanthropy.

As a Rosenwald, I must stand up for those less fortunate than me. I am a retired investor, and music is an income stream. Writers are so creative, and since the internet has changed the playing field, so poor.

Please help us create the beautiful music you hear, and pay us better than a Soviet plumber. This is imperative to what America stand for, a fair wage for a days work. Snowden tells us privacy doesn't exist anymore. The National Security Agency has run all over what's left of it. Just my 2 cents worth.

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