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**Subject:** ASCAP/BMI consent decree

We are a small winery on Seneca Lake in the beautiful finger Lakes. I sincerely am concerned about the consent decrees governing ASCAP and BMI not be eliminated. Any new change in the current law will have an onerous effect on our business. We have been shut down since about March due to the COVID-19 and severely affected by loss of income and then extensions of these rules asw we were about to reopen.

We have still had to pay music licensing fee throughout and to force us to do additional fees and licenses is just unreasonable and in truth will end up with reduced income to these groups as I will end music at my location. It could also have serious effect on the financial health of my business and surely reduce my employees.

So please don't eliminate the current decrees, in fact figure out how to make it easier and more reasonable for us to support the industry.

Sincerely,

Ted Marks, Owner.  
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