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ATR-Music licensing Department

Re: Review of ASCAP/BMI Consent Decrees

To whom it may concern

Fox Run Vineyards is a small family owned winery in the Finger Lakes region of Upstate New York. As such we rely on customers to visit our winery and enjoy a glass of wine and some food. I understand that you are considering removing the consent decrees on the music licensing company's

The ASCAP and BMI consent decrees are just as important today as ever before. During the COVID-19 pandemic, businesses like mine are fighting to survive. Terminating or sunseting the ASCAP and BMI consent decrees during this crisis would be a death sentence for businesses like mine that are economic multipliers in our communities.

In fact, we were forced to close during the pandemic and even with no customers and playing no music, we are expected to pay these music licensing fees. Making any changes to the music licensing system that would result in an increase of fees or further complicate the process would cripple American businesses.

If these decrees are removed and the underhanded tactics of the licensing companies are continued. I along with many other businesses will have to quit playing music and find alternative entertainment for our customers. Thus, reducing the money musicians will receive for their work.

I want to urge the Department of Justice to preserve and protect the pro-consumer Consent Decrees governing the American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers (ASCAP) and Broadcast Music, Inc. (BMI).

The Justice Department must stand on the side of competition and small businesses by preserving the decrees in their current form.

Respectively,



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