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Subject: KEEP ASCAP and BMI DECREES

Dear Department of Justice-

- The ASCAP and BMI consent decrees are just as important today as ever before. During this challenging time of uncertainty, you simply must stand on the side of competition and small businesses by preserving the decrees in their current form.
- During the COVID-19 pandemic, businesses included in the NYCA membership are fighting to survive. Terminating or sunseting the ASCAP and BMI consent decrees during this crisis would be a death sentence for these small businesses that are economic multipliers in our communities.
- 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.

I implore you to take this decision seriously and keep the economics and resources of small business in mind. This is not the time for this type of change.

Sincerely,

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