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Subject: BMI/ASCAP consent decrees

I am writing to express my support for keeping the existing consent decrees in place regarding BMI/ASCAP. Modification or removal of these decrees would be financially devastating to live entertainment venues in every town and city across the US. Without these decrees in place, both licensing companies would be able to dictate various rates for each individual venue, effectively putting some at an economic disadvantage than others and creating an unfairly over-competitive landscape. Live venues are major economic drivers and run at very thin margins. Especially during this time of government mandated shut downs, venues cannot afford another financial disadvantage.

Thank you.

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