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To Whom It May Concern,

I strongly recommend that the music licensing consent decrees set in place by congress for BMI and ASCAP remain as they are. Any changes will undoubtedly result in increased fees being levied against thousands of performance venues located in both large and small towns throughout America. Many of these venues are already facing financial losses in the billions and the recovery of the venues that are not forced to permanently close due to the pandemic will be years not months. We are not underwritten by government or local municipalities but rely solely on revenue earned through the sale of tickets. Due to the unfortunate situation we all find ourselves in now is not the time to make any changes to the existing consent decrees. Thank you for the consideration.

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