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Subject: ASCAP and BMI Consent Decrees

I am writing to you on behalf of a family-owned winery in California that has been in business since 1972. The ASCAP and BMI consent decrees are just as important today as ever before. The Justice Department must stand on the side of competition and small businesses by preserving the decrees in their current form.

While we've seen ups and downs throughout our history, the COVID-19 pandemic is unlike anything we've ever experienced before and our winery is fighting to survive. Terminating or sunseting the ASCAP and BMI consent decrees during this crisis would be a death sentence for our family-owned business that is an economic multiplier in our community. In fact, we were forced to close during the pandemic and even with no customers, we are still expected to pay 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.

Cheers,

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