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Subject: ASCAP and BMI decree

Hello,

I am writing to urge the DOJ to not make any changes to the decree that would result in higher costs to small family owned and operated business like ours. I feel that as a winery/tasting room our main focus is to sell wine, when we have music it is a compliment to our business. We are not a music venue & when we do have musicians (which right now is not permitted in our county) they play music in the background, they are not a main focus, they often in a corner of the room or on the patio. I also feel that there should be a scale of costs depending on either how large a business is and how often they have musicians play. To have one fee across the board does not make sense and is not fair in my opinion with what little we actually have musicians play- in fact in the last 3 years we have had a total of 6 musicians play at our winery during our wine club parties twice per year. It is a pretty significant cost to a small business like ourselves.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Cheers,

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