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Having working in the music industry for 40 years and the last 20 as a music publisher, I know that this entire eco system starts with a song. Without hit records, sometimes by cultural and political outliers, the currency of music is devalued and these aggregators have much less to exploit. A hit record is what make this all possible. What is more important in our democracy? Freedom of expression or freedom to exploit? Songwriter's rights to license at a fair market rate is key to capitalism and a level playing field.

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