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As a very small farm winery with a tasting room/gift shop, we have built our business up over the past eleven years with the help of our music events we hold on the weekends.

With the three PRO's increasing their yearly fee every year, we are concerned what will happen if the ASCAP and BMI consent decrees are not preserved in their current form.

With the COVID-19 pandemic has been a challenge for our small business to survive. Terminating the ASCAP and BMI consent decrees will only make it more of a struggle to survive and not have to close our doors completely. We are still expected to pay these music licensing fees even during the four months we were not able to have music.

Any changes to the music licensing system that will increase in fees will be devastating to many other small businesses along with ours.

Thank you in advance for helping all small businesses!

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