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Subject: ASCAP and BMI consent decrees

Please, Department of Justice...Keep these consent decrees in place as they are right now. We know you are hearing testimony about making changes but this would be so constrictive and debilitating to all of us who are struggling just to keep our heads above water and hoping our businesses survive.

We are one of those businesses - a small winery in rural Oregon. Music has been an enormous part of our business in the season. Not only does this bring people to our tasting room but it supports local musicians (and we can't pay them very much). We pay the fees as a cost of doing business ... even though we haven't really had any business since March 9th.

Please, please, you need to give us a chance to recover before imposing any other burdens on us. In fact, I'm not even sure how such talks can be morally or ethically held in these times. We're suffering enough, as everyone is, and depend on our government to help us through these times, not throw additional problems into the mix.

Feel free to call; although, you'll get an earful.

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