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To Whom It May Concern:

The Gallo Center for the Arts, a non-profit performing arts venue in Modesto, California, urges the Department of Justice not to make any changes to the ASCAP and BMI consent decrees currently in place. Our organization is fighting for its survival during the COVID-19 pandemic, and this would be the worst possible time to implement such changes.

In fact, due to this crisis the Gallo Center for the Arts is now closed until further notice, with no indication of when we may be able to open in the coming months. We are producing zero earned revenue. Terminating or sunseting the ASCAP and BMI consent decrees at this time could be a death sentence for businesses like ours that are economic multipliers in our communities. The Justice Department must stand on the side of competition and small businesses by preserving the decrees in their current form. 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.

Sincerely,

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