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Subject: Preserve ASCAP and BMI consent decrees with no changes

it is imperative that you preserve the ASCAP and BMI consent decrees with no changes. This is the worst time possible for changes while businesses across the country struggle to survive the pandemic.

Many of us are small businesses and want to continue supporting our local musicians but would be forced to stop if the costs go any higher. Our facility, in particular, only has music once per month but the fees are already charged on square footage - which is ridiculous. Just because my facility is large doesn't mean that I have music all the time. We are pretty rural so our customers know that we have music outdoors the first Friday of each month. It actually angers me that they can charge how they wish rather than by actual exposure.

But we would have to discontinue music completely were they allowed to charge any more. That certainly wouldn't be of benefit to the musicians they purport to "support".

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