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Subject: ASCAP and BMI Decrees

To Whom It May Concern:

My husband and I own a very small winery and tasting room in Northern California. With so many things happening at this time, we would like to request that you keep the decrees that are currently in place. The ASCAP and BMI consent decrees are just as important today as ever before. The Justice Department must stand on the side of competition and small businesses by preserving the decrees in their current form.

During the current COVID-19 pandemic, businesses like mine are truly fighting to survive. Terminating or sunseting the ASCAP and BMI consent decrees during this crisis would be a death sentence for businesses like mine that are economic multipliers in our communities.

In fact, we were forced to close our doors during the pandemic and even with no customers, we are expected to pay music licensing fees.

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.

Thank you for your time and consideration in this matter!

Sincerely,

Norma Ramazzotti

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