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BMI and ASCAP are both redundant in any business. I was bullied, harassed and threatened by nothing more than telephone solicitors from BMI after trying Karaoke out in my tavern for just a few times. In my opinion both of these companies are just another scam. BMI could NOT answer any of my questions on how they know what songs are being played. They can NOT charge me on assumption. I also asked how they know if "their" artists songs are being played. I also asked them how their clients are paid. I asked if they are paid by the number of times their song is played or do they just get a set amount either annually or monthly or quarterly. NONE of these questions were answered. They were vague in their service they preformed or the reason for their existence. Tom Petty had a law suit against his record company back in the 70's. and he won the case. These companies are nothing more than vultures feeding off of someone else's labor.



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