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Subject: Review of ASCAP and BMI Consent Decrees

I am an American songwriter, and a member of ASCAP. I'm submitting this comment on my own behalf in opposition to the ASCAP and BMI consent decrees. I believe these government actions essentially are a compulsory license outside of the Congress and take away songwriters' rights to due process of law. Yes, we need modification to the transparency requirements. The Consent Decrees are LIMITING my rights, taking my rights away from me – my rights to retain control over my music and what I will charge for it.

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