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Subject: A note from a song writer.

To Whom This May Concern,

I have always dreamed of being a professional songwriter and supporting myself through my craft. I have worked extremely hard for many years, attending college and putting forth countless hours of practice to be able to turn my dreams into reality.

Being a songwriter has allowed me to work with so many of the artists that I grew up listening to and be able to help upcoming artists bring their music to the masses. As a songwriter, I have written songs that have been recorded and performed by Maroon 5, Taylor Swift, Keith Urban, Lady Antebellum, Pitbull and more.

It is through this unique and exciting career of writing music for others to record and perform that I have been able to fulfill my wildest dreams and support myself and my family. I am paid when the songs I write are performed on the radio, on TV shows, and in movies. The royalties that I receive through BMI are instrumental in allowing me to earn income. I hope that for my sake, that of my colleagues, and future generations of songwriters, that the changing landscape of streaming songs and other online platforms are regulated in a fair way that preserves the art of songwriting for everyone.

Sincerely,

Ammar Malik