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To whom it may concern,

When i was trying to become a songwriter, I commuted to Nashville from a little town called Henderson Tn. which is 140 miles west. I drove back and forth once a week for 7 years while supporting myself as a musician in local bands. When success finally came I paid back everyone I'd borrowed money from. I was almost at the even point. I had some more hits between the dry spells and have been able to make a living. I've had songs recorded by GeorgeJones, Hank Williams Jr. Reba McEntire, Trace Adkins, Blake Shelton, Luke Bryan etc. I haven't gotten rich and if truth be told most songwriters don't. We are being paid micro-pennies per play. I had a song played 740,000 times last quarter on Pandora and Spotify and received \$34.00 (thirty four dollars).

There is no way anyone can call this fair.

Please respect our rights to negotiate.

Thanks,

Jimmy Melton

Sent from my iPad