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The current legislation is antiquated and harmful to the musicians and songwriters individually and to the art of songwriting in general. I didn't become a musician and songwriter simply because I sought coffers full of cash; quite honestly, if you haven't been one, you may not understand at all. It's a compulsion to create. You do it because you have to, not because you want to, and not even because it makes you happy. It's what fulfills you. And companies like Google, Pandora, and Spotify could never and will never understand that. The current construct of the music business makes songwriters an easy mark--we just want to be heard. So sign up and sign away your rights--again, it's not like we're in it for the money, right? But they are--and boatloads of it. They reap billions of dollars annually on the backs of the music we all create, and then pay us literally \$0.005 a spin! Less than a penny! Heck, I've seen my royalties for as little as a tenth of a cent!!!

Understand--Pandora, YouTube, Spotify, they are NOT replacing the radio. They are replacing the radio, the television, the cd, the mp3, the record, the music store, the music site--EVERY DAMN THING. Consolidating money and power and leverage into the hands of a few. It's called an oligarchy, is it not? While they make millions for our work, we collect pennies. Please revise the current legislation to protect us and not allow to be taken advantage of--and allow us to be paid a fair royalty. Thank you.