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The Consent Decrees do not serve important competitive purposes because they create disincentives for composers and songwriters to create. The Consent Decrees in toto are no longer necessary to protect competition.

Eliminating the Consent Decrees would enhance competition and efficiency.

Partial or non- licensing should be be the protected RIGHT of all composers and songwriters.

Mandatory arbitration with the right to appeal is far superior to the rate court. There should be no problem of interim fees because there SHOULD NOT be compulsory licensing.

My son is an eight year old member of ASCAP. He is already a composer without much possibility of earning a living in his chosen field because the consent decrees practically ensure he will be paid almost nothing for his creations.