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Sirs: I have just learned that the DOJ is considering ending the Antitrust Consent Decrees that regulate BMI and ASCAP and their performance licenses.

My husband and I have long been supporters of live music venues wherever we happen to be, most especially in our home town, Lubbock, Texas. We appreciate the fact that composers must be compensated for their talent and efforts. Our concern is that BMI and ASCAP will raise licensing fees so much that ticket prices will go up. The audiences for small venues will shrink, and live performances will become unattainable for those with a limited income.

No doubt we do not fully understand all of the implications of this possible action, but we want our opinions known to those who make these decisions.

Yours truly,

Ann and Craig McDonald