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I believe that it is important to retain protections for music artists through ASCAP and BMI consent decrees so that the artists can be fairly compensated in an on-going manner for their creative works through licensing. However, special provisions should be made to minimize costs for not-for-profit entities such as low-power community radio stations, and special provisions should be made for small, local music venues (e.g., with audiences of 50 or less) and truly small local businesses to not be bound to pay licensing fees so that they can be free from harassment by agents of ASCAP and BMI.

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