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I operate a non-profit performing arts center in rural Arizona. In a very small town, we have made a success of our venue, but we struggle financially like any arts organization in the country. Each year we already pay over \$7,000 in music royalties to ASCAP and BMI.

If these limits go up we will have to reduce the number of performances that we offer our community. That will reduce the work for artists, hinder employment and economic development in our community; our performances are a draw for people outside of our town limits.

We believe that artists should be paid for their work, but think about reasonable expectations and how far reaching this decision could impact a non-profit arts organization.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

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