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To whom it may concern,

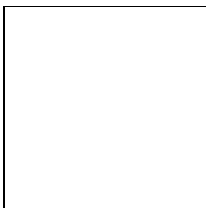
We STRONGLY disagree with the U.S. Department of Justice ending the Antitrust Consent Decrees which have regulated the Performing Rights Organizations (PRO) BMI and ASCAP since 1941.

Ending this decree would SEVERELY adversely impact the Elgin Community College Arts Center, ALL OTHER NON PROFIT EDUCATIONAL, COMMUNITY, state and national performance venues, and restaurants, hotels, breweries, wineries, and bar ACROSS THE ENTIRE NATION in the following manner:

- it would allow BMI and ASCAP to increase fees, without any judicial or DOJ oversight, to every performance venue, thereby raising tickets prices for consumers; and
- it would endow BMI and ASCAP with the ability to unfairly control the performing artists that venues may hire.

Ending this decree WILL create significant uncertainty in how arts and concert venues and promoters would license performance rights for events going forward. This is a bad idea, and I urge DOJ to keep the Dissent Decrees, which have been working nicely for decades, in place.

Truly,



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