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Subject: Keep BMI and ASCAP Antitrust Consent Decrees

Dear Department of Justice:

Please do NOT terminate the standing Antitrust Consent Decrees with Performing Rights Organizations BMI and ASCAP. BMI is already in Rate Court trying to significantly increase their rates and also include percentages of revenue from other secondary items in addition to gross ticket sales, like merchandise, service fees, parking, concessions, and more. Additionally, terminating the Consent Decrees will allow the performing rights organizations the ability to decline licenses, which could give them the power to control which acts presenters can hire.

This will have a huge adverse financial and programming impact on our theatre and the entire live music industry nationwide.

There must continue to be judicial oversight of the performing rights organizations. I urge you to maintain Antitrust Consent Decrees with Performing Rights Organizations BMI and ASCAP.

Thank you for your consideration.

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