

-----Original Message-----

From: Jerry Robbins [REDACTED]

Sent: Thursday, June 27, 2019 11:55 AM

To: ATR-LitIII-Information (ATR) <ATR.LitIII.Information@ATR.USDOJ.gov>

Subject: ASCAP/BMI regulations

To whom it may concern,

I am writing as a musician/performer in a small town in Oregon. I believe that the licensing requirements from ASCAP and BMI are too restrictive for small venues in small towns. The result is a drag on the local economy. For small venues, e.g. those with less than 40 seats, the license fees are exorbitant and unaffordable. The result is that small venues cannot have a live music presentation, from which they would benefit from increased sales. Local musicians would also benefit by having a local outlet for their talent.

Thanks for your consideration.

Jerry Robbins