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Subject: Antitrust Consent Decrees for music

Dept. of Justice,

I am writing to **discourage the discontinuation** of Antitrust Consent Decrees governing the fees charged by Performing Rights Organizations. The wild divergence of licensing costs that would likely ensue would make the performance of many recent compositions (of many musical styles and purposes) impractical for all but the largest performing arts groups. The only entity that benefits from high licensing fees are the PROs, not the musicians creating and performing the music, who already jump through plenty of hoops to make sure their performances include music licensed legally.

Sincerely,

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