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Subject: Keep Antitrust Consent Decrees in place for ASCAP & BMI

To Whom It May Concern,

I urge you to please keep the ASCAP and BMI consent decrees in place and unchanged. The suggestion that a PRO be able to charge what it wants will have profound financial consequences for symphony orchestras, non-profit concert series and festivals across the United States. In fact, I would argue that it will, in essence, have a contradictory effect by greatly limiting access to live music performed or presented by these entities. There are hundreds, even thousands, of small/regional orchestras and non-profit concert series that provide an invaluable service to their communities across our country, please keep them in mind when making your decision.

Thank you for your time.

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