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It has come to my attention that U.S. Department of Justice is considering ending the Antitrust Consent Decrees which have regulated both Performing Rights Organizations BMI and ASCAP. Termination of these Consent Decrees could potentially allow these PRO's to increase their rates and allow for differing fees between presenting organizations. More concerning, PRO's could decline licenses and allow them to control which acts presenters hire. Judicial oversight is a must in order to protect organizations such as ours. Otherwise, music licensing will become complicated and costly. I urge you to keep the Antitrust Consent Decrees in place.

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