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Subject: End the extortion and threats!

We live in a small rural community on the Oregon coast. We host a family weekend event that includes a vendor farmer's market, car show, music, kids games etc. Our goal is to raise money for our high school students to get scholarships.

This year we almost didn't have the event because of the behavior of the BMI and others that attempted to close us down or pay thousands of dollars. We lost volunteers who were AFRAID that they could be sued because they were involved. This is not acceptable.

We need to handle this all in a much better way that does not prevent small towns from holding community events. For goodness sake we're a town of less than 2000 people. The event was a non profit event. People were afraid to play the radio. Something is terribly wrong when you have situations like this.

Why are small town events being targeted? Why do musicians not pay a flat rate that covers them where ever they go? Why is it so IMPORTANT for the wealthiest amongst us to keep getting a pound of flesh from us small town fishes?

Peace,
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In the infinity of life where I am, all is perfect, whole, and complete. – Louise L. Hay