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Subject: Potential Termination of Antitrust Consent Decrees

As the President of the Board of Trustees for Tacoma Arts Live, a non-profit performing arts center in Tacoma, WA, I'm writing to you to express opposition to the proposed termination of the Antitrust Consent Decrees that currently regulate BMI and ASCAP. Termination of the Consent Decrees would have an extremely negative impact on organizations like ours, which operate on a very thin margin. If left unchecked, BMI would pursue licensing fees that include secondary revenue streams like sponsorship dollars, concessions and VIP packages with little benefit to the artists they serve. Our organization alone could see a 4-5 fold increase in licensing expenses, which would limit our ability to bring productions to the community that we serve. I hope that the DOJ will choose not to terminate the Antitrust Consent Decrees. Thanks in advance for your consideration.

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