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**Subject:** BMI & ASCAP Consent Decrees

Hello,

I'm writing you to voice my support for keeping the BMI and ASCAP consent decrees in place. Removing these consent decrees will have far reaching negative effects for small businesses, community performing arts centers, local musicians, and many other people and organizations.

I work at a nonprofit community performing arts center in State College, PA. We end up purchasing licenses for almost all performances and these additional fees will make our existence precarious. We are the cultural hub of State College and truly do offer something for everyone whether it be live streams of The Metropolitan Opera, and improv class for kids, classic movies, or a nationally touring rock 'n' roll band. Shuttering our doors would be a tragedy for the State College arts community.

These consent decrees are a way for artists, businesses, and theatre's to utilize the works of others while paying a fair wage. Please don't get rid of a system that works in favor of one that allows for uncertainty, censorship, and price hikes.

Thank you for your consideration.

-Kerry

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