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Subject: Consent Decrees

To whom it may concern,

I am writing on behalf of a community-owned performing arts center in Pennsylvania. We serve the entire Centre County region and beyond by providing something in the arts for every single person in the community. However, we are also a struggling non-profit that has to worry month to month about what may or may not get paid. By getting rid of the consent decrees, ASCAP and BMI would rule their market with the ability to take even more money from our venue. On a sold out show at .08% of ticket sales as their rate, they would take roughly \$200 per show. With new rates and the possibility to also impose their rate on all other revenue streams, ASCAP and BMI would end up taking over \$1000 per show which is something that we cannot afford. Ourselves and other similar businesses would ultimately need to increase their prices for consumers, effectively deterring people from experiencing the arts even more. In the long run, it would shut us down and other similar venues and also hurt the people of our region because of a lack of arts. Please keep the consent decrees.

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