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Subject: Rates and over Charges for BMI & ASCAP

With BMI and ASCAP the question remains; why are both companies so reluctant to give out information with regards to where the money they receive goes.

I always get the same answer that it is in percentages I never get a straight forward answer. Such as, what do the board members receive Etc. The answer I get is it is a privately held company and we don't have to give that information out. I would say if I pay \$4000.00 to BMI and \$3500.00 to ASCAP I should receive a better answer then that.

I recently spoke with a band leader and he stated he received about \$40.00 for the song he published which leads me to believe that with the DJs, Bands, night clubs, and restaurants etc.etc.etc. And everyone else that pay these fees there is duplications and over charges.

I think Government should investigate over charges and rates which both companies have been collecting.

The last question is are the taxes of these two companies accurate or are some being unreported????