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Subject: My Opinion: Review of ASCAP and BMI Consent Decrees

To Whom it May Concern,

I'm writing to you today to let you know how I, as a songwriter, feel about consent decrees and the compensation that results from digital services that use my music and songs.

Blogger David Lowery sums it up nicely:

The consent decree forces songwriters to allow these services to use our songs while a single appointed for life judge (song czar) sets our rate of compensation. You may remember that I posted that my million spins on Pandora earned me less than \$17? I can't even opt out of this service, how is that even fair? That's how this kind of outrage occurs. This amounts to a government mandated subsidy from songwriters to some of the largest companies in the world.

Thank you

Sincerely,
Brandon Seyferth

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