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To whom it may concern,

I am an American songwriter and 20 + year member of ASCAP. I'm submitting this comment on my own behalf in opposition to the ASCAP and BMI consent decrees.

As a songwriter, the consent decrees act as a kind of compulsory license and allows music services to use our music whether we like it or not.

It takes away my property rights without due process or just compensation; in effect, stealing my intellectual property for someone else's profit without a say in the matter, and without the ability to participate in the free market.

I implore all involved to revoke this abuse.

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