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Subject: Leveling the playing field for content creators

Dear Department of Justice:

Anything you can do to support FAIR compensation for musical composers would be most welcome.

We work today in an environment where our music is stolen as soon as it is released, for free streaming on websites (many of which are beyond your jurisdiction). That wouldn't be so bad if Amazon and iTunes "services" didn't take the lion's share of the proceeds from sales. These large corporations are making millions while paying nearly \$0 to the REASON they exist - little people who make music.

I'm here to tell you that while the public may consider music "free", it is certainly NOT free to create. I spent into the five figures for each of two albums, and I'm getting ready to spend that again. Shouldn't I have a reasonable expectation of a return on my investment? Well, not as things are today.

Again, please do all you can to help us little guys. We can use it.

Sincerely,

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