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**To:** ATR-LT3-ASCAP-BMI-Decree-Review  
**Subject:** Please don't pass this law

Licensing my art without my consent is violating my freedom of speech.

As a successful songwriter named Eric Frederic. I have written #1 records for Jason Derulo, Pitbull, Tim McGraw, Will Smith, etc.

I come from a small town with self employed parents, I had to work my way to the position I'm at now.

I strongly urge you not to change the law regarding PROs. The PROs don't want it, the songwriters don't want it. I don't want another writers company do what they want with my work without my permission. It's scary. Not only is choosing what licenses you approve an important strategic part of developing your business and brand as a writer, it can also reflect ones political persuasions and values. For example, if another writer wants to license one of my works to McDonald's, maybe I'm opposed to that. I would lose the ability to stop the process.

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Eric Frederic aka "Ricky Reed"

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