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To whom it may concern:

You attempt to simplify a licensing payment process for the sake of Apple or whatever other big company would prefer it.

In doing so you disgrace yourselves.

Apple and the rest of them do not need hand holding. Like the rest of us they should have to work for a living and not just game the system

As a songwriter-what I do is *not a hobby*. Apple, Spotify and the others know that--and they feast on it.

They make massive amounts from songwriters. Yet when fair payment comes due we are then seen as

an inconvenience - something gumming up the easy flow of cash.

We are paid - but literally next to nothing.

Case in point - I received payment for one of my songs played on Spotify a grand total of 4 one thousandths of 1 cent.

How much is something you craft over a period of time worth?

Send me 2500 of it and I'll send you a penny - meanwhile I plan to make a million times that amount from it.

What? You crafted it with someone else? Jesus you inconsiderate pillock! We can't be expected to work out some way to pay *both* of you. Bring in the government -this is an outrage!

Since when is it wrong to pay people what they are due?

Since when did it get so hard to divide licensing payment amongst two or more individuals?

Since big money said "It doesn't work for us!"

Your actions here smack of an organization that has been bought.

The word "Justice" in your title is a joke.

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