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Chairman Jerrold Nadler
Ranking Member Jim Jordan
House Judiciary Committee
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Nadler and Ranking Member Jordan,

In advance of the House Judiciary Committee's hearing on the American Music Fairness Act (H.R. 4130), our groups would like to reiterate our support for this legislation.

As supporters of community broadcasting, including community radio, college radio, and Low Power FM, we believe that the relationship between community stations and musicians should continue to be mutually supportive. AMFA accomplishes this by offering a balanced approach, ensuring that performing musicians are compensated, as is already the case in most of the world, without placing an undue burden on small and noncommercial broadcasters.

As we noted at the bill's introduction, the proposed royalty carveout for noncommercial stations is both affordable (\$100) and predictable; it won't go up in the future. For the smallest stations with budgets under \$100,000, the proposed fee is even lower: only ten dollars annually.

Community broadcasters and independent media often feature local artists, genres, and viewpoints absent from most commercial radio playlists. They give voice to the experiences, concerns, and creativity of diverse populations. Musicians understand this, and have been strong advocates for expanded LPFM opportunities. H.R. 4130 reflects an understanding of the unique role that community broadcasters play, as well as these stations' limited financial resources. As the Committee considers this legislation, we hope our perspective will be kept in mind.

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