



# American Federation of Musicians LOCAL 47

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Honorable Hakeem Jeffries  
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Dear Representative Jeffries,

On behalf of our more than 7,000 members, the American Federation of Musicians Local 47 has a vested interest in protecting the rights of creators with copyright enforcement. We commend and appreciate your efforts along with the other sponsors of H.R. 3945, the CASE Act, in supporting artists and musicians throughout the nation with this important legislation.

The CASE Act will provide a much-needed solution for musicians and other creative artists to defend and protect their rights in a small-claims copyright tribunal established at the U.S. Copyright Office.

AFM Local 47 is proud to support this legislation that provides critical protections for members of the creative community who rely upon commercializing their creative works to make a living. Our thousands of musician members applaud these efforts, and AFM Local 47 looks forward to working toward the successful passage of this important legislation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "John Acosta", written over the word "Sincerely,".

John Acosta  
President, American Federation of Musicians Local 47