

February 13, 2025

The Honorable Mike Johnson  
Speaker of the House  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable John Thune  
Senate Majority Leader  
U.S. Senate  
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Hakeem Jeffries  
House Minority Leader  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Chuck Schumer  
Senate Minority Leader  
U.S. Senate  
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Speaker Johnson, Leader Jeffries, Leader Thune, and Leader Schumer:

Music creators work incredibly hard to make the sound recordings we all know, love, and value. However, the U.S. continues to be the only democratic nation in the world where artists like us are not paid when our music is played on AM/FM radio. Thankfully, there is legislation to right this injustice that has robbed us from being paid on terrestrial radio for decades. We urge you to join us in the fight to compensate music creators by supporting and passing the American Music Fairness Act.

The American Music Fairness Act would require U.S. broadcasters to finally pay for our music when it's played on AM/FM radio. This bipartisan bill merely asks radio broadcasters to play by the same rules as digital platforms, streaming services, and others who already pay artists when they play our music. While the bill requires corporate radio giants to pay artists their fair share, it protects truly small broadcasters by allowing them to play unlimited music for \$1.37 a day.

For decades now, corporate broadcasters have unjustly exploited an antiquated loophole in the law to profit from advertising generated from unlimited use of free music. Each year, AM/FM radio stations play nearly a billion songs. And each year, giant radio corporations rake in billions in advertising dollars while refusing to pay a single cent to the artists behind the music that attracts their advertisers in the first place and makes their entire business model possible.

This inequity not only harms American artists at home, but it also hurts us abroad. Most foreign countries withhold payments to us when our songs are played in their countries, simply because the U.S. doesn't have a performance royalty. This leaves the U.S. in the dubious company of North Korea, Cuba, and Iran as among the only nations that refuse to pay artists for their work. This amounts to nearly \$300 million every year in lost income for American artists like us. By supporting the American Music Fairness Act, you can ensure that this money flows back to the United States.

We're not alone in our call for fairness. Every president since Jimmy Carter has advocated for artists to be paid for AM/FM radio plays. And an overwhelming majority of Americans stand with us on this issue. A recent national poll commissioned by the musicFirst Coalition — the voice for fairness and equity for music creators — found that 73% of Americans believe it's

unfair that artists don't get paid when their songs are played on the radio. And by a 6-1 margin Americans support Congress addressing this injustice by passing legislation such as the American Music Fairness Act.

It's time for our nation to align with the rest of the developed world and ensure that hard-working music artists are paid fairly.

We appreciate your support and consideration of this much-needed legislation. We look forward to working with you and your staff to ensure that American artists are finally paid for their work.

Sincerely,

38 Special	Frank Sinatra Estate	Mick Fleetwood
ABBA	Frankie Valli	Midland
Add-2	Gavin DeGraw	Mike Love (The Beach Boys)
Aerosmith	Gavin Rossdale (Bush)	Miranda Lambert
Aimee Mann	GAYLE	Mýa
Alabama	Gene Simmons (KISS)	Nancy Wilson (Heart)
Alanis Morissette	Genevieve Goings	Neal Francis
All-4-One	George Strait	Ned LeDoux
Allison Russell	Gina Schock (The Go-Go's)	NeedToBreathe
Aloe Blacc	Gloria Estefan	Neil Sedaka
Amy Grant	Graham Nash	New Kids on the Block
Ann Wilson (Heart)	Greensky Bluegrass	Nile Rodgers
Armani White	Guy Clark	Noel Schajris
Autumn Rowe	Halestorm	ODESZA
Bacilos	Hanson	OK Go
Barbra Streisand	Harry Belafonte Estate	OMAS
Barrie	Henry Weck (Brownsville Station)	Ozzy Osbourne
Barry Gibb (Bee Gees)	Hootie & The Blowfish	P!nk
Barry Manilow	Howard Jones	Papa Roach
Becky G	Huey Lewis	Parker McCollum
Beeb Birtles (Little River Band)	Hunter Hayes	Pat Benatar & Neil Giraldo
Bel Biv DeVoe	If Not For Me	Patty Loveless
Belinda Carlisle (The Go-Go's)	J. Ivy	Paul Stanley (KISS)
Ben Fuller	Jackson Browne	Paulina Rubio
Big Time Rush	Jake Scott	Pentatonix
Billy Gibbons (ZZ Top)	James Taylor	Peter Frampton
Billy Idol	Jane Wiedlin (The Go-Go's)	Phillip Phillips
Billy Porter	Jason Aldean	Plain White T's
Billy Ray Cyrus	Jason Mraz	Questlove
Black Stone Cherry	Jefferson Starship	R.E.M.
Black Thought	Jelly Roll	Rachel Platten
Blake Morgan	Jerry Cantrell	Raheem DeVaughn
Blessing Offor	Jesse Colin Young	Randy Jackson
	Jewel	Randy Rogers
		Randy Travis

Blondie	Jimmy Jam	Reba
Bob Gaudio (The Four Seasons)	Joan Jett	Rench (Gangstagrass)
Bobby Z (Prince & The Revolution)	Joe Perry (Aerosmith)	René Moore (René & Angela)
Bonnie Raitt	Joe Satriani	Richard Marx
Bonnie Tyler	Joe Siros (The Mighty Mighty Bosstones)	Rick Springfield
Bootsy Collins	Joey Kramer (Aerosmith)	Rickey Minor
Boyz II Men	John Denver Estate	Ricky Skaggs
Brad Whitford (Aerosmith)	JoJo	Rosanne Cash
Bre Kennedy	JoJo Siwa	Ryan Cabrera
Bryan Adams	Jon Secada	Sadie Jean
Cade Thompson	Jonatha Brooke	Salt-N-Pepa
Carla Redding (Otis Redding Estate)	Josh Groban	Sam Martinez
Carly Simon	Josh Turner	Sam Moore
Carole King	Josie Dunn	Sammy Hagar
Carter Faith	Julia Michaels	Sara Bareilles
Cassadee Pope	Julian Casablancas (The Strokes)	Sara Evans
Casting Crowns	Julian Lennon	Sarah McLachlan
Celine Dion	JVKE	Saweezie
Charlotte Caffey (The Go-Go's)	Kate Hudson	Scott Ian (Anthrax)
Chris Isaak	Katharine McPhee	Scotty McCreery
Chris LeDoux Estate	Kathy Valentine (The Go Go's)	Seal
Chromeo	Katy Nichole	Sheila E.
Clint Black	KB	Sheryl Crow
Colin Hay	Kenny Loggins	Simple Plan
Common	Kenzie	Skylar Astin
Cowboy Junkies	Kevin Bacon (The Bacon Brothers)	Smokey Robinson
Crystal Waters	Kevin Cronin (REO Speedwagon)	Sofia Carson
Cyndi Lauper	Kool & The Gang	Steve Earle
Darius Rucker	KT Tunstall	Steve Miller
Darrell Brown	Kylie Morgan	Steve Taylor & The Perfect Foil
Darryl McDaniels (Run DMC)	Lalah Hathaway	Steven Tyler (Aerosmith)
Dave Koz	Lasso	Stevie Nicks
Dave Pirner (Soul Asylum)	LeAnn Rimes	Sugar Ray
David Byrne	Leanna Crawford	Suzanne Vega
David Foster	Lee Ann Womack	TALK
David Kushner	Lee Brice	Tarrey Torrae
David Leonard	Lee Greenwood	Tasha Cobbs Leonard
David Pack (Ambrosia)	Lil Jon	Taylor Dayne
De La Soul	Lin Manuel-Miranda	Terry Hunter
Deana Carter	Lisa Loeb	The Afters
Debbie Gibson	Living Colour	The B-52's
Deborah Cox	Lord Finesse	The Go-Go's
Dee Snider (Twisted Sister)	Lorrie Morgan	The Heavy Heavy
Def Leppard	Maggie Rose	The Lumineers
		The Roots
		They Might Be Giants
		Tina Sinatra
		TLC

Deon Cole	Maiamouna “Mu Mu Fresh”	Tom Hamilton (Aerosmith)
Diamond Rio	Youseff	Tom Morello (Rage Against The Machine)
Dionne Warwick	Marc Cohn	Tori Amos
DJ Jazzy Jeff	Margaret Cho	Tori Kelly
DJ Spinderella	Marger	Trace Adkins
Don McLean	Mariah Carey	Train
Dropkick Murphys	Marshmello	Trip Lee
Duane Allen (Oak Ridge Boys)	Martha Reeves	Twila Paris
Duke Fakir Estate (The Four Tops)	Mary Chapin Carpenter	Valentina D'Achille
Duran Duran	Master P	Vanessa Carlton
Eddie Money Estate	Matchbox Twenty	Verdine White (Earth Wind & Fire)
Eddie Montgomery (Montgomery Gentry)	Max Roach Estate	Victoria Canal
Edwin McCain	Max Weinberg (E Street Band)	Village People
Elsten Torres	MC Lyte	Vince Gill
Elvis Costello	Mehro	Walker Hayes
Emiliano Torres (Xperimento)	Melissa Etheridge	We Are Messengers
Eric Johnson	Melle Mel	We the Kings
Eric Roberson	Menudo	Weezer
Ethan Tasch	Merck Mercuriadis (Hipgnosis Songs)	Whodini
Exile	MercyMe	Wynonna Judd
Fitz & The Tantrums	Michael Bacon (The Bacon Brothers)	X
Fonseca	Michael Franti	Yellowcard
Foreigner	Michael Penn	Yola
		Yolanda Adams