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Ranking Member Dick Durbin
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House Judiciary Committee
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Ranking Member Jamie Raskin
House Judiciary Committee
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Dear Chairman Grassley, Ranking Member Durbin, Chairman Jordan, and Ranking Member Raskin:

We write today as a diverse set of stakeholders representing the automakers, cutting-edge technology companies, and the music industry to urge immediate consideration of S. 326/H.R. 861, the American Music Fairness Act (AMFA) by the Senate and House Judiciary Committees. The Senate Commerce Committee marked up another radio-related bill recently, the AM Radio for Every Vehicle Act (S. 315), and the House Energy & Commerce Committee is expected to markup companion legislation (H.R. 979) soon. We strongly believe the AM bill should not move forward without Congress also passing AMFA.

AMFA addresses a longstanding inequity and would ensure that music recording artists are finally paid when their work is played on terrestrial radio. Under current law, terrestrial radio is the only music delivery platform that is not required to pay recording artists for their music. Satellite radio and streaming services, including some of our member companies, must compensate artists for their work. The lack of a performance right on terrestrial radio puts some of our member companies at a competitive disadvantage. Meanwhile, large broadcast corporations continue to rake in billions in advertising revenue every year without having to pay artists for their music. The U.S. is the only industrialized country that doesn't have a performance right, putting us in the company of nations like North Korea, Iran, and Cuba.

Mandating AM radio without addressing the performance royalty issue would perpetuate an inequity that denies hundreds of millions of dollars in compensation to countless recording artists every year. While some of our coalition members have concerns about the AM bill for a variety of reasons, we also believe that Congress should not mandate the use of an infringing platform that exploits artists by not paying them for their work. Our position is simply one of fairness and equity, and one that we think all Americans can agree: if you put in the hard work, you should be compensated.

We urge the Senate and House Judiciary Committees to consider the American Music Fairness Act without delay to ensure this longstanding loophole is finally closed and that music artists are not left behind if Congress moves forward with the AM bill. The House Judiciary Committee approved AMFA as recently as 2022.

We stand ready to work with you to achieve this goal.

Sincerely,



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