

**RESOLUTION OF THE FIFTY STATE BROADCASTERS ASSOCIATIONS,  
INCLUDING THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA AND THE COMMONWEALTH OF  
PUERTO RICO, IN OPPOSITION TO A NEW “PERFORMANCE TAX”**

Whereas the United States enjoys free, local broadcasting and sound recording industries that are the envy of the world due to the symbiotic relationship that has existed among these industries for nearly a century;

Whereas legislation to impose a performance fee on local radio stations for simply playing music on the radio would upset the mutually beneficial relationship between local radio and the recording industry;

Whereas local radio stations provide free publicity and promotion to the recording industry and performers in the form of radio airplay, interviews with performers, introduction of new performers, concert promotions and publicity that promotes the sale of music, on-demand music streaming, concert tickets, ring tones, music videos and associated merchandise;

Whereas local radio stations already contribute as much as \$2.4 billion in promotional value annually to the record labels and their performers by allowing them to reach the 272 million listeners per week that are served by local radio;

Whereas local radio broadcasters generate \$6 billion in public service annually, providing news coverage, community information and free airtime to help spotlight local charities, disaster relief efforts and important social issues, all of which are jeopardized if stations are forced to divert revenues to pay for a new performance fee;

Whereas nearly 1 million American jobs are affected by the radio industry and many would be jeopardized if any new performance fee is imposed, as will many other small businesses that play music, including bars, restaurants, retail establishments, sports and other entertainment venues, shopping centers and transportation facilities;

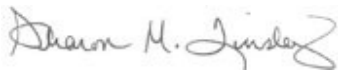
Whereas the hardship that would result from a new performance fee would hurt American businesses, and ultimately consumers who rely on local radio for news, weather and entertainment; and

Whereas a performance fee is not justified when the current system has produced the most prolific and innovative broadcasting, music and sound recording industries in the world:

*Now, therefore, be it resolved this 6th day of May, 2021, by the*

*broadcaster associations named below, representing all 50 States, the District of*

Columbia and the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico that Congress support H. Con. Res. 33 and S. Con. Res. 9 and not impose any new performance fee, tax, royalty or other charge relating to the public performance of sound recordings on a local radio station or on any business.



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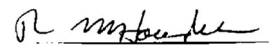
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