Congress of the United States Washington, DC 20515

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Over a Majority of U.S. House of Representatives Supports H. Con. Res. 244, the "Local Radio Freedom Act"

Dear Colleague:

With six straight years of slumping sales, the big four record labels have turned their sights onto America's local radio station to recoup the costs of their failed business model. Local radio and artists have a symbiotic relationship that benefits both parties. A "performance tax" that would require local radio stations to pay a fee to the recording industry every time they play a song would destroy this relationship and inhibit upcoming artists.

In reaction to the record labels' attempt to tax local radio stations, we have seen an overwhelming response to our resolution, H. Con. Res. 244, the "Local Radio Freedom Act" which strongly opposes any new fees, taxes or royalties on local radio stations.

In fact, as of June 24th, there are <u>221 COSPONSORS</u> of H. Con. Res. 244 in the House – over a majority – that believe a new "performance tax" is a bad idea. A performance tax is bad for local radio stations, bad for new and upcoming artists, and bad for the listening public.

Please join a majority of the U.S. House and support your local radio stations by cosponsoring H. Con. Res. 244, the "Local Radio Freedom Act." To cosponsor, or for more information, please contact Vince Jesaitis with Rep. Green at 5-1688 or Austin Weatherford with Rep. Conway at 5-3605.

Sincerely,

Mike Conway

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Gene Green

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