

**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 between 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 235 million listeners per week that are served by local radio;

Whereas local radio broadcasters generate \$10 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 one million American jobs are affected by the radio industry and many would be jeopardized if any new performance fee is imposed, as would 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 22nd day of February, 2023, by the broadcasters associations named below, representing all 50 States, the District of Columbia and the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, that Congress support the House Local Radio Freedom Act and the Senate Local Radio Freedom Act 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.

Respectfully,



**Alabama Broadcasters Association**



**Alaska Broadcasters Association**



**Arizona Broadcasters Association**



**Arkansas Broadcasters Association**



**California Broadcasters Association**



**Colorado Broadcasters Association**



**Connecticut Broadcasters Association**



**Florida Association of Broadcasters**



**Georgia Association of Broadcasters**



**Hawaii Association of Broadcasters**



**Idaho State Broadcasters Association**



**Illinois Broadcasters Association**



**Indiana Broadcasters Association**



**Iowa Broadcasters Association**



**Kansas Association of Broadcasters**



**Kentucky Broadcasters Association**



**Louisiana Association of Broadcasters**



**Maine Association of Broadcasters**



**Maryland/D.C./Delaware (MDCD) Broadcasters Association**



**Massachusetts Broadcasters Association**



**Michigan Association of Broadcasters**



**Minnesota Broadcasters Association**



**Mississippi Association of Broadcasters**



**Missouri Broadcasters Association**



**Montana Broadcasters Association**



**Nebraska Broadcasters Association**



**Nevada Broadcasters Association**



**New Hampshire Association of Broadcasters**



**New Jersey Broadcasters Association**



**New Mexico Broadcasters Association**



**New York State Broadcasters Association**



**North Carolina Association of Broadcasters**



**North Dakota Broadcasters Association**



**Ohio Association of Broadcasters**



**Oklahoma Association of Broadcasters**



**Oregon Association of Broadcasters**



**Pennsylvania Association of Broadcasters**



**Radio Broadcasters Association of Puerto Rico**



**Rhode Island Broadcasters Association**



**South Carolina Broadcasters Association**



**South Dakota Broadcasters Association**



**Tennessee Association of Broadcasters**



**Texas Association of Broadcasters**



**Utah Broadcasters Association**



**Vermont Association of Broadcasters**



**Virginia Association of Broadcasters**



**Washington State Association of Broadcasters**



**West Virginia Broadcasters Association**



**Wisconsin Broadcasters Association**



**Wyoming Association of Broadcasters**