

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
Bob Gaudio (The Four Seasons)
Bobby Z (Prince & The Revolution)
Bonnie Raitt
Bonnie Tyler
Bootsy Collins
Boyz II Men
Brad Whitford (Aerosmith)
Bre Kennedy
Bryan Adams
Cade Thompson
Carla Redding (Otis Redding Estate)
Carly Simon
Carole King
Carter Faith
Cassadee Pope
Casting Crowns
Celine Dion
Charlotte Caffey (The Go-Go's)
Chris Isaak
Chris LeDoux Estate
Chromeo
Clint Black
Colin Hay
Common
Cowboy Junkies
Crystal Waters
Cyndi Lauper
Darius Rucker
Darrell Brown
Darryl McDaniels (Run DMC)
Dave Koz
Dave Pirner (Soul Asylum)
David Byrne
David Foster
David Kushner
David Leonard
David Pack (Ambrosia)
De La Soul
Deana Carter
Debbie Gibson
Deborah Cox
Dee Snider (Twisted Sister)
Def Leppard

Jimmy Jam
Joan Jett
Joe Perry (Aerosmith)
Joe Satriani
Joe Sirois (The Mighty Mighty Bosstones)
Joey Kramer (Aerosmith)
John Denver Estate
JoJo
JoJo Siwa
Jon Secada
Jonatha Brooke
Josh Groban
Josh Turner
Josie Dunn
Julia Michaels
Julian Casablancas (The Strokes)
Julian Lennon
JVKE
Kate Hudson
Katharine McPhee
Kathy Valentine (The Go-Go's)
Katy Nichole
KB
Kenny Loggins
Kenzie
Kevin Bacon (The Bacon Brothers)
Kevin Cronin (REO Speedwagon)
Kool & The Gang
KT Tunstall
Kylie Morgan
Lalah Hathaway
Lasso
LeAnn Rimes
Leanna Crawford
Lee Ann Womack
Lee Brice
Lee Greenwood
Lil Jon
Lin Manuel-Miranda
Lisa Loeb
Living Colour
Lord Finesse
Lorrie Morgan
Maggie Rose

Reba
Rench (Gangstagrass)
René Moore (René & Angela)
Richard Marx
Rick Springfield
Rickey Minor
Ricky Skaggs
Rosanne Cash
Ryan Cabrera
Sadie Jean
Salt-N-Pepa
Sam Martinez
Sam Moore
Sammy Hagar
Sara Bareilles
Sara Evans
Sarah McLachlan
Saweetie
Scott Ian (Anthrax)
Scotty McCreery
Seal
Sheila E.
Sheryl Crow
Simple Plan
Skylar Astin
Smokey Robinson
Sofia Carson
Steve Earle
Steve Miller
Steve Taylor & The Perfect Foil
Steven Tyler (Aerosmith)
Stevie Nicks
Sugar Ray
Suzanne Vega
TALK
Tarrey Torrae
Tasha Cobbs Leonard
Taylor Dayne
Terry Hunter
The Afters
The B-52's
The Go-Go's
The Heavy Heavy
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