



**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 broadcasting and sound recording industries that are the envy of the world, due to the symbiotic relationship that has existed among these industries for many decades;

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 of music in the form of radio airplay, interviews with performers, introduction of new performers, concert promotions and publicity that promotes the sale of music, 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 244 million listeners per week that are served by local radio;

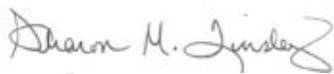
Whereas local radio broadcasters provide tens of thousands of hours of essential local news and weather information during times of national emergencies and natural disasters, as well as public affairs programming, sports and hundreds of millions of dollars of time for public service announcements and local fundraising efforts for worthy charitable causes, all of which are jeopardized if local radio stations are forced to divert revenues to pay for a new performance fee;

Whereas there are many thousands of local radio stations that will suffer severe economic hardship 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 the American 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 twenty-fourth day of February, 2015, by the fifty (50) state broadcasters associations named below, including the District of Columbia and the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, that Congress support S. Con. Res 4 and H. Con. Res. 17, 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 for broadcasting sound recordings over-the-air, or on any business.*



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