



April 10, 2018

The Honorable Robert Goodlatte
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The Honorable Doug Collins
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The Honorable Jerrold Nadler
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The Honorable Hakeem Jeffries
United States House of Representatives
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Dear Chairman Goodlatte, Ranking Member Nadler, Representative Collins, and Representative Jeffries,

Internet Association commends you for your dedication to improving the music licensing system through the Music Modernization Act. Your leadership has led to a bill that has broad bipartisan support and has achieved consensus among industry and civil society stakeholders. We support prompt Committee action and passage by the House of the Music Modernization Act.

The more than 40 members of Internet Association include the most innovative and forward-thinking companies in the world. Our members include the leading providers of streaming music services, and they depend on clear, fair, and reliable rules for licensing music.

Under current law, music streaming services must obtain licenses on a song-by-song basis and there is no reliable source of information on ownership records. As most streaming services offer tens of millions of songs, and many songs have multiple songwriters, this burden creates huge upfront costs and significant liability risk for streaming services.

The new clearinghouse and blanket license created by the Music Modernization Act would address these challenges and increase investment in music streaming. In turn, growth in innovation channels will ultimately result in greater opportunities for compensation to the publishers and songwriters who own musical compositions.

We look forward to seeing the Music Modernization Act move forward and thank you for your leadership on this important issue.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Michael Beckerman', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Michael Beckerman
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