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DiMA Statement on Department of Justice Decision to Maintain the Existing ASCAP & BMI Consent Decrees

WASHINGTON, D.C. — The following on-the-record statement was released Friday by Digital Media Association President and CEO Garrett Levin regarding the Department of Justice's announcement it would be maintaining the existing ASCAP & BMI consent decrees:

"We welcome the news that the Department of Justice will be maintaining the consent decrees, which means that successive Administrations have now rejected calls to alter these essential pro-consumer protections. Music licensing is complex, but throughout their existence the decrees' protections have fostered an efficient marketplace that in turn has been critical to the resurgence and growth of the music industry. The ability to fairly and efficiently license music to perform to the public benefits fans, songwriters and U.S. businesses alike, and has been foundational in the establishment of a modern music system where more music is being listened to than ever before and more creators are being paid."

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About The Digital Media Association (DiMA)

DiMA is the leading organization advocating for the digital music innovations that have created unparalleled consumer choice and revolutionized the way music fans and artists connect. Representing the world's leading music streaming companies – Amazon, Apple Music, Google/YouTube, Pandora and Spotify – DiMA's mission is to promote and protect the ability of music fans to engage with creative content whenever and wherever they want and for artists to more easily reach old fans and make new ones. www.DiMA.org