

Response from Senator Capito

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Dear Mr. Underwood,

Thank you for contacting me about the Ask Musicians for Music (AMFM) Act of 2019. It was good to hear from you, and I appreciate the opportunity to learn your views on this important matter.

As you know, Senator Marsha Blackburn of Tennessee introduced the AMFM Act (S. 2932) on November 21, 2019. The bill would revise existing copyright law to require broadcasters to pay fair market value for the music they use.

In 2018, Congress passed the Music Modernization Act with wide bipartisan support to streamline the music-licensing process. The bill requires songwriters and artists to receive royalties on songs recorded before 1972, improves how songwriters are paid for streaming services, and provides a consistent process for artists to receive unclaimed royalties. I proudly supported this bill and its efforts to ensure musicians and artists are fairly compensated.

The AMFM Act has been referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary. Though not a member of this committee, please know that I understand your concerns and will continue to keep them in mind should the bill come before the Senate for a full vote.

Again, thank you for contacting me. I look forward to hearing from you again soon and invite you to visit my website, www.capito.senate.gov, for further information and to sign up for my e-mail newsletter. It is an honor to serve you.

Sincerely,
Shelley Moore Capito
United States Senator