

**Before the  
UNITED STATES COPYRIGHT OFFICE  
The Library of Congress**

*In the Matter of:*

Termination Rights and the Music  
Modernization Act's Blanket License

Docket No. 2022-5

**UNIFIED AND OVERWHELMING INDUSTRY SUPPORT  
FOR THE U.S. COPYRIGHT OFFICE'S PROPOSED RULE REGARDING TERMINATION RIGHTS  
AND THE MUSIC MODERNIZATION ACT'S BLANKET LICENSE**

The signatories to this comment are songwriters, songwriter advocates, and songwriter representatives. We write to wholeheartedly support the proposed rulemaking by The U.S. Copyright Office ("USCO") issued on October 25, 2022.

Songwriters are the foundation of the music industry. It all begins with a song and the people who create the songs. These music creators must not be deprived of the rights afforded to them by Copyright law.

We stand together in support of USCO's rule and believe that anything contrary would undermine the clear Congressional intent to allow songwriters, after an extended period of time, to reap the benefit of the songs they create. It is simple, a songwriter who validly terminates a prior grant is the correct recipient of royalties collected by the Mechanical Licensing Collective. A publisher whose grant was terminated – and has received the benefit of the songwriter's work for decades – is not the proper or intended recipient of these royalties.

Any view opposing the USCO's rule is a vote against songwriters.

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