April 14, 2015  
RE: Payola  Docket # 15-52  

Dear FCC,

I'm writing you as a fan who believes our rich legacy of music is in grave danger. Our country is the birthplace of many of the most popular and enduring styles of music, whether it be jazz, blues, country, blue grass, grunge, rap, hip-hop, etc. As with our films, the music created in American has been our finest hour in sharing our culture with the rest of the world and the most important ambassador we have.

The past fifteen years have not been kind or financially rewarding for many artists and we've lost many gifted and talented creators. Working artists who can no longer compete on a playing field controlled by special interest groups.

I can't over-emphasize the importance of protecting our rich heritage of art in American and implore you to keep our media open for our next generation of greatness. To mask Payola and deprive the American public of the diversity that has made us great is a price none of us is willing to pay.

Don't allow radio to stifle creativity. We need the joy, inspiration and understanding that only comes from unfettered creativity. Not more paid advertisements pretending to be art.

Sincerely,

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