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Subject: Artists need laws to protect them
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Dear Victoria Espinel:

Artists in this country needs a strong law protecting their rights. As a pianist creating recordings, I see everyone else making money from my works, but sit here totally ripped off. After paypal takes their cuts, Myxer (ringtones) takes 60% (and why this?? for it wasn't their works to earn more than the artist) and Harryfox for royalty fees.....the artist that created the arrangements and performances and paid for the recordings.....ends up earning \$.16 or less.. Please someone create a law that gives the artist at least 50% of the money earned. As a pianist.....I am being ripped off by these companies....and they end up making more money than I do from my labors. This isn't fair business.....please someone needs to ensure that the artists are protected with laws that ensure them at least 50% of the money from their creations. As it stands it is most difficult for artists to receive any money from their creations. Unless something is done to make it fair....it isn't worth struggling in the poor house....being creative..... Please someone look into this and make it fair. Anymore taken from us...being ripped off by these companies.....and others wanting everything free.....copying....without permission....makes survival impossible. Thank you for your time, Darlene Miller

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