

## **Resolution N°. 4**

*July 26, 2023*

**Subject:** *Resolution in Support of the American Music Fairness Act*

### AMFA Resolution

Whereas, On June 21, 2021, Representative Theodore Deutch (D-FL) introduced the American Music Fairness Act (“AMFA”) to the United States House of Representatives; and

Whereas, If passed, AMFA will<sup>1</sup>:

- Ensure performers are compensated when their songs are played on terrestrial radio;
- Treat competing music platforms the same and create a fair market value for music performance royalties by including terrestrial broadcasts in the existing Section 114(d)(1) of title 17 of United States Code;
- Protect small, local radio broadcasters through an exemption for stations with less than \$1.5 million in annual revenue and whose parent companies make less than \$10 million in overall annual revenue. For less than \$2 per day (\$500 annually), small and local stations can play unlimited music;
- Exempt qualified public, college, and other noncommercial stations (who would only pay \$100 a year), and super small stations;
- Support American artists when foreign stations play their music, recognizing American artists’ performance right; and
- Protect songwriters and publishers, ensuring no harmful impact on the public performance rights and royalties payable to songwriters, musical work copyright owners, and publishers; and

Whereas, The American Federation of Musicians of the United States and Canada (“AFM”), through its Legislative, Political, and Diversity Director, Alfonso

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.afm.org/what-we-are-doing/american-music-fairness-act/>

Pollard, has worked tirelessly to pass legislation which grants terrestrial radio rights to American performers; and

Whereas, AMFA is currently being considered by the House Judiciary Committee; and

Whereas, A show of support for AMFA is needed to help push this important bill forward to a vote and eventual passage; and

Whereas, The AFM has a petition that members may sign to show support, which can be found at: <https://actionnetwork.org/petitions/support-the-american-music-fairness-act-amfa>; therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the Regional Orchestra Players' Association ("ROPA") wholeheartedly supports the passage of the American Music Fairness Act ("AMFA"); and be it further

*Resolved*, That ROPA urges all delegates to sign the petition in support of AMFA, and to encourage all of their colleagues in their home orchestras to do the same.

**Submitted by:** The ROPA Executive Board