

February 24, 2009

**The Honorable Patrick Leahy
The Honorable John Conyers**

**The Honorable Herb Kohl
The Honorable Hank Johnson, Jr**

**The Honorable Arlen Specter
The Honorable Lamar Smith**

**The Honorable Orrin Hatch
The Honorable Howard Coble**

Dear Members of Congress:

Today we stand together as artists to state our support of the Live Nation/Ticketmaster Entertainment merger.

Throughout our varied careers, we have all sought out the best ways to connect with our fans and continue to reach new listeners. We are all passionate about our music and our fans, and have worked extremely hard to establish ourselves as successful artists. We have first hand experience with the daily struggles that a new artist goes through in an attempt to break in to the music industry.

The music industry has changed dramatically in the last several years. As technology changes the way people get access to their music, one thing stands true – the live show. And the live show has become an even more important jumping off point to maintain the relationship between artists and our fans. The proposed merger of Live Nation and Ticketmaster Entertainment will provide artists at all levels of their careers with the opportunity to leverage a broader universe of venues and to expand their ability to reach current as well as new fans.

Live Nation and Ticketmaster together will be able to help all artists reach their full potential by using the combined company's various resources to market artists' music in the best way possible.

And importantly, just like there is currently, a thriving independent venue and ticketing system will continue to operate. This multi-layered industry offers artists and fans many choices in how they set up their ticketing, touring and interaction.

We are confident that the proposed merger won't change the system for the many thousands of venues that operate independently across the country. We love those small independent venues. Most of us started in those venues and continue to support them whenever we can. Indeed, we believe the merger it will simply add more choices to the mix for artists and fans.

As artists we are committed to making the best music and having it reach as many people as possible. We together support the Live Nation and Ticketmaster merger because all artists, not just the lucky few, must have an opportunity to connect their music to their fans.

Respectfully,

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