Dear Sir or Madam:

I recently learned of the U.S. Copyright Office study to assess the desirability of bringing state copyright laws for music recordings fixed before February 15,1972 into federal jurisdiction and respectfully submit this opinion in support of such adoption.

As a music lover and music consumer, I believe the adoption of pre-1972 content into federal law will allow for greater access to and preservation of such works because it will simplify the laws new and innovative content distribution start-ups must navigate in order to succeed.

In my opinion, it's important for the laws of the United States to reflect the ideals on which this country was founded: that innovation and entrepreneurship push industry and culture forward. Adopting the complicated state-by-state music copyright laws into federal jurisdiction would not only make it possible for companies to further existing industries, but to create new industries that benefit all of the parties involved.

I submit this opinion recommending the adoption of pre-1972 music recording copyright law into federal law.

The world has changed, is changing, and will continue to change. The industry needs to change, as well.

Respectfully,

Maryhope Tobin