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Via email at regans@copyright.gov and achau@copyright.gov

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RE: Summary of June 19, 2020 *Ex Parte* Meeting Regarding Audio Links,
Docket No. 2020-5

Dear Ms. Smith and Ms. Chauvet,

On June 19, 2020, Susan Chertkof from the Recording Industry Association of America, Inc. ("RIAA") participated in an *ex parte* meeting with Regan Smith, Anna Chauvet, Jason Sloan, Terry Hart and Cassandra Sciortino of the Copyright Office concerning the above referenced matter. The meeting was also attended by representatives of the following organizations: MLC, DLC, the MLC Unclaimed Royalties Oversight Committee, NSAI, SONA, and MAC.¹ The purpose of this letter is to summarize the RIAA's contributions to the meeting.

The meeting focused on the MLC's request to have the DMPs include audio links for each listed sound recording in their monthly reports of usage and the DMPs' concerns about so doing. If provided, the links would not be included in the MLC's public-facing database, only in the claiming portal available to songwriters and music publishers.

RIAA participated in the meeting primarily as an interested observer. We did not express a position on the inclusion of audio links in the MLC's claiming portal. After

¹ A complete list of attendees is attached to this letter.

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noting that we have not spoken with our members concerning the licensing issues raised by the DMPs, we expressed a concern that it would be inappropriate for the Copyright Office to issue regulations that would have the effect of mandating that certain terms be included in private marketplace deals between record companies and DMPs.

At the conclusion of the meeting, we indicated that we would speak with our members about the issues raised at the meeting and notify the Office regarding our position.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Susan Chertkof". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned centrally below the word "Sincerely,".

Susan Chertkof
Senior Vice President, Legal and Regulatory Affairs
Recording Industry Association of America

Attendees for 6/19/2020 Ex Parte Call Regarding Audio Links

U.S. Copyright Office

Regan Smith
Anna Chauvet
Jason Sloan

Terry Hart
Cassandra Sciortino

Recording Industry Association of America

Susan Chertkof

Songwriters of North America

Lauren Hancock
Michelle Lewis

Abby North
Zoe Keating

Music Artists Coalition

Susan Genco

Nashville Songwriters Association International

Bart Herbison

MLC Unclaimed Royalties Oversight Committee

Phil Cialdella
Kay Hanley
Michael Eames

Frank Liwall
Dan Navarro

DLC

Garrett Levin
Kevin Goldberg
Sy Damle
Peter Durning
Alan Jennings
Nick Williamson
Chris Bly
Jen Rosen

Seth Goldstein
Jeff Wallace
Alex Winck
Cynthia Greer
David Ring
Dan Mackta
Daniel Susla
Lisa Selden

MLC

Kris Ahrend
Richard Thompson
Abel Sayago

Alisa Coleman
Danielle Aguirre
Ben Semel