July 23, 2020

To the Honorable Senators Peters and Stabenow:

Please accept this letter of support of the efforts of the National Independent Venue Association (NIVA) to ensure the survival of the independent music industry in the United States. Independent live music venues are the backbone of the music industry and are a vital economic and cultural driver for our local community. Due to need to adhere to social distancing during this COVID-19 pandemic, these venues were the first to close, and will likely be among the last businesses to fully re-open. NIVA’s request for consideration for the Save Our Stages Act and the RESTART Act will help ensure their survival through this unprecedented crisis.

Sincerely,

Rosalynn Bliss