

## STATEMENT FROM FIX THE TIX COALITION OPPOSING THE BOSS ACT

Washington, D.C. (May 26, 2023) - The following is the official statement from the FIX THE TIX Coalition on the music and live events organizations opposing the BOSS Act.

"Our coalition, representing every major constituency of the music and live events industry, supports legislation that truly safeguards consumers from price gouging, fake tickets, and ubiquitous deceptive practices by secondary sellers; provides transparency in ticket pricing; and restores integrity to the ticketing marketplace.

We strongly oppose the BOSS Act as it would increase ticket prices, enshrine deceptive practices like speculative tickets, and cause an even worse ticket-buying experience for true fans. While the BOSS Act provides some transparency for consumers, it does so in exchange for anti-fan and anti-artist handouts for scalpers and secondary ticketing platforms that do not contribute to the live entertainment ecosystem. Our coalition is currently working with Congress in a bipartisan manner to usher in meaningful and systemic reforms that will truly protect consumers.

The BOSS Act has been introduced in every Congress for more than a decade, and it has been opposed in every Congress by artists and those who pour their blood, sweat, and tears into producing shows that create lifelong memories for fans. We look forward to working with Congress in a bipartisan fashion with new ideas from artists, venues, promoters, performing arts centers, agents, managers, and fans to reform the ticketing industry."

More details to come.

## The Music and Live Events Organizations that Oppose BOSS ACT:

- <u>NIVA</u>
- <u>American Association of Independent Music (A2IM)</u>
- Artist Rights Alliance
- Arts Action Fund (AAF)
- <u>Association of Performing Arts Professionals (APAP)</u>

- Black Music Action Coalition
- <u>DICE</u>
- Future of Music Coalition
- Folk Alliance International
- International Association of Venue Managers (IAVM)
- <u>Music Managers Forum-US (MMF-US)</u>
- <u>National Performance Network</u>
- <u>National Independent Talent Organization (NITO)</u>
- Performing Arts Alliance
- <u>Recording Academy</u>
- Songwriters of North America
- Sound Exchange
- Venue Pilot
- <u>Wasserman</u>



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