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The Honorable Maria Cantwell
Chair
U.S. Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, & Transportation
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Ted Cruz
Ranking Member
U.S. Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, & Transportation
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Chair Cantwell and Ranking Member Cruz:

We know you are hearing from many people about concert ticketing and its impact on fans. As artists and members of the music community, we rely on touring for our livelihood, and we value music fans above all else. We are joining together to say that the current system is broken: predatory resellers and secondary platforms engage in deceptive ticketing practices to inflate ticket prices and deprive fans of the chance to see their favorite artists at a fair price.

Predatory resellers have gone unregulated while siphoning money from the live entertainment ecosystem for their sole benefit. They use illegal bots, speculative ticket listings, and deceitful advertising, which cause real harm:

- The relationship between artist and fan, which forms the backbone of the entire music industry, is severed. No one cares more about fans than the artists. When predatory resellers scoop up face value tickets ahead of fans in order to resell at inflated prices on the secondary market, artists lose the ability to connect with their fans who cannot afford to attend.

- Fans are lured in by deceptive URLs and advertising tactics which disguise resale and trick consumers into paying up to 20x face value – often while face value tickets are still available from the venue.

- Speculative tickets – when a predatory reseller lists tickets for a show before they even go on sale or does not have the ticket in hand – are intentionally deceitful and too often result in fans showing up at a venue without a valid ticket.

- Predatory resellers do not invest in creating a great live experience or fostering the live music ecosystem – they simply profit off of the hard work of artists, venues and the crew. In fact,
resellers and secondary ticketing platforms often profit more from the artist’s work than the artists themselves.

The Fans First Act, introduced by Senators Cornyn, Klobuchar, Blackburn, Welch, Wicker and Lujan, provides us with more tools to combat predatory resellers and the use of illegal bots. The Fans First Act bans fake tickets and deceptive marketing tactics that trick our fans into paying more for tickets that may never get them into a show. And, it requires ticket sellers to show the full itemized price of a ticket from the moment a transaction begins. Even better, it backs all these regulations up with clear penalties and enforcement.

We, as artists, as music lovers, and as concert attendees ourselves, urge you to support the Fans First Act to combat predatory resellers’ deceptive ticketing practices and the secondary platforms, which also profit from these practices. Predatory resellers should not be more profitable than the people dedicating their lives to their art.

Sincerely,

- Abbie Thomas
- Abigail Dowd
- Adam Hoornstra
- Aimee Mann
- AJ Lee & Blue Summit
- Akira Galaxy
- Alec O’Hanley (Alvvays)
- Alison Rising
- Allison Preisinger
- Amanda Anne Platt & The Honeycutters
- Amy Engelhardt
- Amy Lee (Evanescence)
- Anastasia Lang
- Andrew Ash
- Angela Perley
- Anjimile
- Anne Leighton
- Annie Capps
- Arden Jones
- Becky G
- Béla Fleck
- Ben de la Cour
- Ever More Nest
- Evie Ladin
- Fall Out boy
- FIDLAR
- Finneas
- Gavin Bondy
- Genevieve
- George
- Okudaye-Stephens
- Gesenia M. Gerena
- Giacomo Franci
- Glen Phillips
- Goldpine
- Good Co
- Goose
- Graham Nash
- Green Day
- Greg Humphreys
- Greg Keelor
- Grimm Beard
- Halestorm
- Harry Hochman
- Ibby Cline
- Idris Lawal
- Illogicalst Resource
- Max Bloomquist
- New Years Day
- Nick Rhodes
- Nicole Martin
- Nile Rodgers
- ODESZA
- OK Go
- Ordinary Elephant
- Orlando Higginbottom
- Oshima Brothers
- Parker Millsap
- Particle Kid
- Paul Thorn
- Pedro the Lion
- Pepe Aguilar
- Peter Case
- Peter Holsapple
- Phil Johnson
- Pixies
- Quinn Christopherson
- Randy Palmer
- Rebecca Loebe
- Rebecca McDaniel
- Reckless Kelly
- Renee Benot
Ben Folds
Ben Seigel
Big Gigantic
Billie Eilish
BJJJB
Black Rebel Motorcycle Club
Black Stone Cherry
Blind Boys of Alabama
Blue Öyster Cult
Blue Rodeo
Bob Burton
Bobby Rush
Bombino
Bonnie Bluhm
Bright Eyes
Brotherkenzie
Butch Walker
Carell Casey
Carol McComb
Carol Van Alstine
Carolyn Shulman
Carter Sampson
Casey Neill
Catbite
Celeste Di Iorio
Celia Chavez (Babilonia)
CHAI
Chappell Roan
Chelsea Wolfe
Cheri Jamison
Cherub
Chris Smither
Christina Wood
Christopher Thomas Anderson
Claudia Nygaard
Colin Hay
Conor Oberst
Cowboy Junkies
Crispy Watkins
Cyndi Lauper

Dept.
Indigo Girls
J.E Sunde
Jack Johnson
James Conley
Jason Mraz
Jennifer Maurer
Jerry's Middle Finger
Jess Klein
Jess Wayne
Jim Cuddy
Jimmie Dale Gilmore
Jim Moffatt
Jocelyn Pettit
John Bunzow
John Gray
John McCutcheon
John Taylor
Johnsmith
Jónsi Birgisson (Sigur Ros)
Josie Quick
Judi Jaeger
Julia Michaels
Julianna Barwick
Julien Baker
Jupiter & Okwess
Kaleida
Karrie Pavish Anderson
Kate McDonnell
Katie Malco
Keri Latimer
Kerry Patrick Clark
Kevin Gordon
Kim Gordon
Kirby Heard
Kristin Marting
La Luz
Lauralyn Bodle
Laurice
Layton Hosford
Le Ren
Linda Marks

Renée Muzquiz
Rickie Lee Jones
Rob Lytle
Robert Smith
Roger Taylor
Ruth Bloomquist
Ryanhood
Saint Asonia
Sara Milonovich & Daisycutter
Sarah Haag
Sarah Lounsbury
Saskia Tomkins
Sia
Sig Wilder & Friends
Simon Le Bon
Sister Speak
Skydiggers
Small Town Titans
SOAK
Sonny Landreth
Sophie Hawley-Weld (SOFI TUKKER)
Stan Rideway
Steve Forbert
Steven J. Schmidt
Sue Massek
Sunny Jain
Susan Graham Pepper
Suz Slezak
Suzie Ungerleider
Sylvan Esso
Tanya Nye
The Band of Heathens
The High Hawks
The Iguanas
The Milk Carton Kids
The Sadies
They Might Be Giants
Thurston Moore
Tim Jenkins, Balladeer
Toad the Wet Sprocket
Todd Sickafoose
Todd Snider
• Dan Deacon
• Dan Navarro
• Dan Sheehan
• Daniel Bernard Roumain (DBR)
• Darlene Love
• Darlingside
• Dave Alvin
• Dave Freeman
• Dave Matthews
• David Bazan
• David LaMotte
• Dawn Richard
• Dean & Britta
• Debbie Hennessey
• Derek S. Sharp
• Dillon Francis
• Diplo
• DNA Picasso
• Don Quarles
• Doug Alan Wilcox
• Dougal
• Drea Lake
• Duran Duran
• Elexa Dawson
• Elizabeth Lockhart
• Elliott Brood
• Ellis Delaney
• Erich Sylvester
• Erik Schroeder
• Lindsey Jordan (Snail Mail)
• Liz Longley
• Lorde
• LP
• Luna
• Major Lazer
• Manuel Prestamo
• Maria Moss
• Marina Orchestra
• Marissa Conniff
• Marita Kennedy
• Mark Kilianski
• Mark Ross
• Marv Gohman
• Mary Lattimore
• Mary Timony
• Meg Duffy
• Megan Burtt
• Men at Work
• MGMT
• Michael R. J. Roth
• Mikey Coltun / Mdou Moctar
• Mimi Mayer
• Mini Trees
• MØ
• Mojo Holler
• Monique Mead
• Tom West
• Tourist
• Train
• Trevor Lewington
• Tucker Halpern (SOFI TUKKER)
• Underoath
• Vi Wickam
• Wednesday
• Will Hoge
• Will Johnson
• Windborne
• Winterlark
• YAIMA
• Yes
• Ynana Rose
• Youth in a Roman Field
• Yuka C. Honda
• Zoë Keating

Cc:
Senator Chuck Schumer, Majority Leader of the U.S. Senate
Senator Mitch McConnell, Minority Leader of the U.S. Senate
Senator Amy Klobuchar
Senator John Cornyn