



April 25, 2024

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,
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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,

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| ● Abbie Thomas | ● Ever More Nest | ● Max Bloomquist |
| ● Abigail Dowd | ● Evie Ladin | ● New Years Day |
| ● Adam Hoornstra | ● Fall Out boy | ● Nick Rhodes |
| ● Aimee Mann | ● FIDLAR | ● Nicole Martin |
| ● AJ Lee & Blue Summit | ● Finneas | ● Nile Rodgers |
| ● Akira Galaxy | ● Gavin Bondy | ● ODESZA |
| ● Alec O'Hanley
(Alvvays) | ● Genevieve | ● OK Go |
| ● Alison Rising | ● George
Okudaye-Stephens | ● Ordinary Elephant |
| ● Allison Preisinger | ● Gesenia M. Gerena | ● Orlando Higginbottom |
| ● Amanda Anne Platt &
The Honeycutters | ● Giacomo Franci | ● Oshima Brothers |
| ● Amy Engelhardt | ● Glen Phillips | ● Parker Millsap |
| ● Amy Lee
(Evanescence) | ● Goldpine | ● Particle Kid |
| ● Anastasia Lang | ● Good Co | ● Paul Thorn |
| ● Andrew Ash | ● Goose | ● Pedro the Lion |
| ● Angela Perley | ● Graham Nash | ● Pepe Aguilar |
| ● Anjimile | ● Green Day | ● Peter Case |
| ● Anne Leighton | ● Greg Humphreys | ● Peter Holsapple |
| ● Annie Capps | ● Greg Keelor | ● Phil Johnson |
| ● Arden Jones | ● Grimm Beard | ● Pixies |
| ● Becky G | ● Halestorm | ● Quinn Christopherson |
| ● Béla Fleck | ● Harry Hochman | ● Randy Palmer |
| ● Ben de la Cour | ● Ibby Cline | ● Rebecca Loebe |
| | ● Idris Lawal | ● Rebecca McDaniel |
| | ● Illogistical Resource | ● Reckless Kelly |
| | | ● Renee Benot |

• Ben Folds	Dept.	• Renée Muzquiz
• Ben Seigel	• Indigo Girls	• Rickie Lee Jones
• Big Gigantic	• J.E Sunde	• Rob Lytle
• Billie Eilish	• Jack Johnson	• Robert Smith
• BJJB	• James Conley	• Roger Taylor
• Black Rebel Motorcycle Club	• Jason Mraz	• Ruth Bloomquist
• Black Stone Cherry	• Jennifer Maurer	• Ryanhood
• Blind Boys of Alabama	• Jerry's Middle Finger	• Saint Asonia
• Blue Öyster Cult	• Jess Klein	• Sara Milonovich & Daisycutter
• Blue Rodeo	• Jess Wayne	• Sarah Haag
• Bob Burton	• Jim Cuddy	• Sarah Lounsbury
• Bobby Rush	• Jimmie Dale Gilmore	• Saskia Tomkins
• Bombino	• Jim Moffatt	• Sia
• Bonnie Bluhm	• Jocelyn Pettit	• Sig Wilder & Friends
• Bright Eyes	• John Bunzow	• Simon Le Bon
• Brotherkenzie	• John Gray	• Sister Speak
• Butch Walker	• John McCutcheon	• Skydiggers
• Carell Casey	• John Taylor	• Small Town Titans
• Carol McComb	• Johnsmith	• SOAK
• Carol Van Alstine	• Jónsi Birgisson (Sigur Ros)	• Sonny Landreth
• Carolyn Shulman	• Josie Quick	• Sophie Hawley-Weld (SOFI TUKKER)
• Carter Sampson	• Judi Jaeger	• Stan Rideway
• Casey Neill	• Julia Michaels	• Steve Forbert
• Catbite	• Julianna Barwick	• Steven J. Schmidt
• Celeste Di Iorio	• Julien Baker	• Sue Massek
• Celia Chavez (Babilonia)	• Jupiter & Okwess	• Sunny Jain
• CHAI	• Kaleida	• Susan Graham Pepper
• Chappell Roan	• Karrie Pavish Anderson	• Suz Slezak
• Chelsea Wolfe	• Kate McDonnell	• Suzie Ungerleider
• Cheri Jamison	• Katie Malco	• Sylvan Esso
• Cherub	• Keri Latimer	• Tanya Nye
• Chris Smither	• Kerry Patrick Clark	• The Band of Heathens
• Christina Wood	• Kevin Gordon	• The High Hawks
• Christopher Thomas Anderson	• Kim Gordon	• The Iguanas
• Claudia Nygaard	• Kirby Heard	• The Milk Carton Kids
• Colin Hay	• Kristin Marting	• The Sadies
• Conor Oberst	• La Luz	• They Might Be Giants
• Cowboy Junkies	• Loralyn Bodle	• Thurston Moore
• Crispy Watkins	• Laurice	• Tim Jenkins, Balladeer
• Cyndi Lauper	• Layton Hosford	• Toad the Wet Sprocket
	• Le Ren	• Todd Sickafoose
	• Linda Marks	• 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