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Subject: proposed copyright royalty rates  
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Subject: Re: proposed copyright royalty rates  
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It gets worse:

<http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2007/12/28/AR2007122800693.html>

It seems the RIAA is not only intentionally biting the hand that feeds it, it's also trying to rip it off and pretend it doesn't need it. The RIAA isn't out to protect creative ownership rights, it's trying to destroy it with a shortsighted view of profit-grabbing, rather than seeing a potential for increased profits in the future for all, albeit not at the exorbitant rate they are wanting to grab now.

Imho, musicians, artists and independants should lobby to get the federal courts to outlaw or restrict the RIAA's approach or there won't be a profitable music industry left for anyone, much less record labels. This is a very dangerous line they are walking, and why they can't see the longterm disaster awaiting the record industry being massively hastened such tactics is beyond me. Why in the heck would I even bother writing music for 0.58% share? I wouldn't - it would take massive sales just to pay for a demo session. Why would the buying public buy songs that are going to bring big brother (RIAA) down on them? They won't. Artists are next - just wait, the suggested artist royalty will also be below 1%. That should just about tank the established recording industry completely.

Songwriters already make very little compared to the income generated from a successful song, and composers make less (the US is the only country that does not pay royalties to composers for film distribution/performance, and sync royalties are far below that of a song for the same broadcast).

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