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# **CMRRA**

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Dear Messrs. Crocker and Chehade:

### **Re: .MUSIC Community Application**

I am writing to express CMRRA's full support for the position outlined by Danielle M. Aguirre in her April 14, 2015 letter to ICANN on behalf of the National Music Publishers Association, the Harry Fox Agency and the International Confederation of Music Publishers.

CMRRA is Canada's largest music licensing agency. We represent music rights holders who range in size from large multinational music publishers to individual songwriters. Together, these rights holders own or administer the vast majority of songs recorded, sold and broadcast in Canada. On their behalf, CMRRA issues licences to individuals or organizations for the reproduction of songs on various media, and in particular, for the purpose of online music distribution via downloads, streaming and webcasting. Our principals have a substantial interest in ensuring the digital marketplace evolves into a mature, innovative and safe environment for the legitimate creation and dissemination of music globally.

As such, we agree with Ms. Aguirre that .MUSIC must serve the global music community and the global public interest by incorporating music-focused Enhanced Safeguards to serve the community under a .MUSIC community-based string governed by the global Music Community. We also agree that any prevailing .MUSIC community application must be able to serve the legitimate interests of the global music community and global public interest, and ensure appropriate Enhanced Safeguards and measures to counter copyright infringement and address abuse.

Sincerely,

