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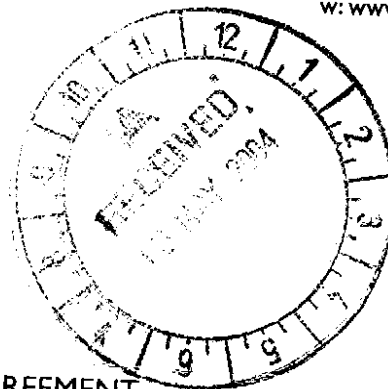
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Brenton Holmes, Secretary
Senate Select Committee on the Free Trade Agreement
between Australia and the United States of America
Parliament House, Canberra



Dear Mr Holmes,

RE: THE AUSTRALIA - UNITED STATES FREE TRADE AGREEMENT

The Music Manager,s Forum expresses gratitude at the opportunity to support the Music Council of Australia's Senate submission and its assessment of the effects of the Australia - United State Free Trade Agreement (FTA).

The Music Managers' Forum was formed in 1991 and is the national peak organisation recognising of the needs of Australian music managers and Australian self-managed artists. Our members currently represent the majority of Australia's contemporary recording and performing artists and music producers. We provide a means of sharing and learning from the experiences of other managers and an avenue through which common problems and areas of concern can be discussed. The MMF ultimately seeks to improve the Australian managers capacity to support the careers of the Australian artists that they represent. The MMF (Aust) is affiliated with Managers' Forums in the UK, Japan, USA, Germany, France, Canada, Denmark, Norway, Sweden, The Netherlands and Finland through the international umbrella organisation, the IMMF.

We wish to support the Music Council of Australia's submission to the Senate committee.

The MMF further agree that based on this submission (and our own views) there is no positive basis to offer support to the Australia - United States Free Trade Agreement as far as our organisation and membership are concerned.

Thank you for your consideration of our views with regard this important agreement.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Marshall Cullen".

Marshall Cullen (Chair)
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