

El Presidente,

Re: International Musician, February 2007

Even though, I personally am not affected by lack of work due to VOM, I wholeheartedly congratulate you upon your strong stance against VOM per your President's message to our International Union.

I can't believe that brother musicians would subscribe to this employment knowing that they who are not machines but humans would be shortsighted to know that they are putting brother musicians not machines out of work. To me, those that do are no more than traitors to the Performing Arts of our great nation. They can be classified with those who sold nuclear secrets to our enemies.

Our nation must be protected from the unscrupulous in many ways, and so be it when it comes to the Performing Arts. Your 465 word message was short and easy enough for all of us to understand why we should be as upset as the musicians being put out of work, and with being upset with the musicians putting them out of work.

The way I look at it and it may not be the way to look at it, we need a resolution that prevents brother AFM members from recording shows that put brother musicians out of work.

I will put my two cents into the matter to support your message. I will photocopy your message and get it to the powers in Washington with hopes that they too will be against VOM. In Burlington, home of Local 336 AFM and Captain James Lawrence - his message - "Don't Give Up The Ship".

Fraternally in Solidarity,

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