

# Speak Out: Musicians Must Unite to Keep Culture Free

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It is imperative that we as musicians become involved in educating the public that filesharing can be beneficial to us as well as society as a whole. Thank you for your interest in spreading this important message in a way that we, as musicians, excel: communicating through music.

All I need you to do is record yourself saying the below text and send the results to me. Please note that I do not want you to say anything you are uncomfortable saying. It is very important that everything I use in this song is genuinely felt by the speaker. Otherwise, it loses its efficacy entirely.

The below is the text that I plan to build the song out of, but feel free to be creative if you want. You can say the statements several times at different speeds or different emphasis as you desire. Hell, you can even sing it!

Unfortunately, I have little choice but to request that you record the legal language giving me the right to use your recordings in my music. I wish that we didn't live in a world where this is necessary, but it seems we do. Thank you for understanding. It protects you as well as me.

Here is the text:

**Legal Necessities:** My name is <state your name here>, and I agree that this recording may be used by Halsey Burgund for the explicit purpose of creating music with a pro-filesharing message. I assign all rights I may have in these recordings to Halsey Burgund, and will at no time in the future attempt to claim any rights in the recordings or in any songs or other audio works that include any portion of the recordings.

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*My name is <state your name> of <state band name or whatever else is appropriate here>.*

*I am a musician and I support filesharing.*

*Please tell me why filesharing is a positive thing for you as a musician and why you are lending your voice to this cause. <state your thoughts...>*

## How do I make the recording?

I have found that many musicians today have access to recording equipment in their homes or via friends, but for those of you who are not familiar with digital recording, I am happy to help as I do not want technical difficulties to prevent you from participating. Please email me at [halsey@aevidence.com](mailto:halsey@aevidence.com) if you want to participate but do not know where to begin. We will find a way.

Alternatively, you could attend one of my Bring Your Own Voice events and I could record you there.

For those of you who are familiar with recording, please use wav, sdii, or aif file format if possible. If the file size gets too large for transferring online, mp3s at 192kbps are acceptable.

## What do I do with the recording once it is made?

- Send submissions (<10MB) to my gmail account ([hburgund@gmail.com](mailto:hburgund@gmail.com))
- If you prefer ftp uploading capacity or your file is too big to email, please contact me at [halsey@aevidence.com](mailto:halsey@aevidence.com) and I'll send you guest ftp login information
- I will gladly accept recordings via the USPS as well. You can send tapes/cds/whatever to me at Halsey Burgund, 24 Paul Revere Road, Bedford, MA 01730

Thank you very much for your participation. I will be in the process of collecting many voices before I can begin to write the music, but this project is a priority for me. I am excited and honored that you are willing to join me directly in this fight.

Please join the mailing list to receive updates on this project by sending an email with the word 'subscribe' in the subject line to [musiciansunite@aevidence.com](mailto:musiciansunite@aevidence.com).