

Reality Radio

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This is Reality Radio.

Stevie Wonder has written numerous prophetic lyrics but one of my favorites is “when you believe in things that you don’t understand – then you suffer.”

The 21 members of the House Judiciary Committee who voted in favor of placing a performance tax on the radio industry believe that they are passing a law that will help recording artists – when, in reality – it would be a law that would financially help the same record companies that took advantage of the artists – now needing help.

There are already 245 members of Congress who have signed on a resolution calling for a rejection of the John Conyers Performance Tax. And Congressman Gene Green a Democrat and Mike Conaway a Republican, both of whom are from Texas – have written a letter to the other 190 members of Congress that states (quote) “Rather than adapting to the new technologies, the recording industry is trying to bite the hand that feeds it by imposing a new tax on its biggest promotional tool, as if free radio were immune to the economic downturn.” (end of quote) They warn congressional members that a royalty (quote) “will have a devastating impact”.

I sure hope that Sheila Jackson Lee of Houston reads her congressional mail and the next time that Hank Johnson of Atlanta needs to know why radio folks call it a tax perhaps he will confer with his fellow congressional colleagues.

This is reality radio with Cathy Hughes. What’s your reality?