

# Reality Radio

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Black Caucus members John Conyers, Sheila Jackson Lee, Hank Johnson, Bobby Scott and Mel Watt continue to champion the Performance Tax Bill that could very well put most of Black owned radio out of business. They claim that they want to help music artists get the royalties they were denied in the past. Although there have been literally thousands of royalty lawsuits filed by recording artists they have ALL been against record companies. Michael Jackson had to sue, as did Prince, and Count Basie, Sarah Vaughn, Louie Armstrong, Billie Holliday, Mary Wells, Curtis Mayfield, Peaches & Herb, the Shirelles and even the Beatles have all sued their record labels.

Yet, the Conyers bill gives the majority of the new tax money to foreign owned record companies and allows them to decide how much money will then flow to the performers. HELLO – that is definitely putting the fox in charge of the chicken coup. Plus under Conyers' direction his committee voted down an amendment that would have excluded the record companies and provided money to the artists only.

Plus – well, before the May 13<sup>th</sup> committee vote, Black Radio and the National Association of Broadcasters presented a compromise proposal to Conyers that would have created a 20 million dollar endowment to provide money for recording artist in need. Many committee members are now saying that they were unaware of the 20 million dollar proposal. Well, John Conyers claims that he was unaware that the wife he has lived in the house with for 19 years was taking bribes for her votes on the Detroit City Council so I guess anything is

possible. Please sign the online petition at [saveyourradio.com](http://saveyourradio.com) and ask your elected officials if they are AWARE of what's going on?

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