

November 1, 2017

Dear Lee:

We are writing to urge you to run for the congressional seat now held by Marsha Blackburn.

We also understand that given where you are professionally, and the ages of your kids, that running for this office would entail significant sacrifices for you and your family. There are many reasons not to seek this office.

But we are united in our request that you seriously consider this service. We come from different parties and embrace different philosophies. And we represent different communities within music.

Yet we share a great passion for music and this wonderful industry that chronicles American life and brings such joy to so many. We love the creativity in our business. We all also rely on this business to employ others and to support our own lives. So while we all are part of this industry because of our commitment to music, we are mindful that public policy is especially crucial at this juncture in our industry's transformation to the digital world.

In your role as songwriter advocate, you have demonstrated a keen understanding of our issues and developed an expertise in the policy questions that will define our future. You have shown leadership skills we desperately need in Congress. Citizen legislators make sense.

And while we are motivated to write you because we care about music, we have confidence that you have the qualities necessary to be a thoughtful and effective representative of all the Tennesseans who live throughout the district.

An accomplished songwriter in Congress representing Music. Now that would be cool. And it would be so significant to successfully address our current challenges and build a bright future for the entire music industry.

Lee, we respect your advocacy work for the music industry and see you as a voice who can unify our community and do great things in Washington.

We need you.

With friendship,

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