December \_\_, 2023

The Honorable XXXXXXX

U.S. House of Representatives

Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative [last name]:

I write on behalf of the [venue name] in [town or country] to urge your cosponsorship of [H.R. 3950, the “TICKET Act](https://d1dth6e84htgma.cloudfront.net/H_R_3950_the_Transparency_In_Charges_for_Key_Events_Ticketing_TICKET_Act_Bilirakis_and_Schakowsky_31136394f9.pdf).” This bill would require disclosure of ticket fees and during a recent Energy and Commerce Committee markup was significantly strengthened with other necessary ticketing reforms to ban speculative (or fake) tickets and deceptive URLs and websites used by ticket resellers. The amended bill, which now includes provisions contained in [H.R. 6568, the “Speculative Ticketing Oversight and Prohibition Act” or the “STOP Act,”](https://d1dth6e84htgma.cloudfront.net/H_R_Speculative_Ticketing_Oversight_and_Prohibition_Act_or_the_STOP_Act_of_2023_Armstrong_5911e8ac25.pdf) was passed out of Committee by a 45 to 0 recorded vote on December 6.

The amended H.R. 3950 is cosponsored by Representatives Gus Bilirakis (R-FL), Jan Schakowsky (D-IL), and Kelly Armstrong (R-ND). The bill would address the problem of ticket fraud that continues to grow in the industry and preys on consumers. The legislation would:

* Require the total price of an event ticket be displayed upfront, inclusive of all fees;
* Ban the sale of a ticket that a seller does not have (“speculative ticketing”);
* Guarantee refunds for event cancellations and postponements;
* Require clear disclosures and bans deceptive URLs to protect consumers from fraudulent ticketing websites;
* Require the Federal Trade Commission study and report on enforcement of the BOTS Act (Public Law 114-274).

This important piece of legislation will make much-needed reforms to the ticketing process to protect consumers. We ask that you please cosponsor it.

I am happy to discuss this further should you have any questions.

Sincerely,

YOUR NAME and TITLE

December \_\_, 2023

The Honorable XXXXXXX

U.S. Senate

Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator [last name]:

I write on behalf of the [venue name] in [town or country] to urge your cosponsorship of [S. 3457, the Fans First Act](https://www.congress.gov/bill/118th-congress/senate-bill/3457?q=%7B%22search%22%3A%22Blackburn%22%7D&s=2&r=1) which was recently introduced by Senators Amy Klobuchar (D-MN), John Cornyn (R-TX), Marsha Blackburn (R-TN), Ben Ray Lujan (D-NM), Roger Wicker (R-MS) and Peter Welch (D-VT).

The current ticketing system hurts fans, communities, sports teams, artists, and venues. Consumers believe they are purchasing legitimate tickets from primary sellers when they are not, only to find they are holding fake tickets when they arrive at the show, or that they paid far too much for legitimate seats.

This bill will make much-needed reforms to the ticketing process to protect consumers. It requires clear disclosure of ticket fees, bans the sale of speculative (or fake) tickets, and outlaws the use of deceptive URLs and websites by ticket resellers. It also requires refunds to be issued if events are cancelled or postponed and addresses the use of BOTS which manipulate the marketplace. In short, this important piece of legislation will protect our guests and your constituents. We ask that you please cosponsor it.

The point of contacts to cosponsor are Franci Rooney with Senator Cornyn (Franci\_Rooney@judiciary-rep.senate.gov) and Ben Hendricks with Senator Klobuchar (Ben\_Hendricks@judiciary-dem.senate.gov).

I am happy to discuss this further should you have any questions.

Sincerely,

YOUR NAME and TITLE