

To the attention of:

Michael Duderstädt (Director, Berlin Office)

Anja Kathmann (Head of Berlin Office)

Dr. Tobias Holzmüller (Chief Executive Officer, GEMA)

Dear GEMA Leadership,

In the context of my ongoing case (I-1622047) concerning the unauthorized use of my registered composition "You're the Friend I Need", I would like to formally submit this Transparency & Oversight Notice to ensure procedural integrity, impartiality, and institutional clarity.

This case involves continued public distribution of my work without a signed licensing agreement, following an explicit written rejection of expanded rights on October 7, 2024. The infringing party—Studio Zentral, in collaboration with Network Movie—proceeded with distribution via ARD1 Mediathek, despite documented receipt of this rejection on March 24, 2025.

I understand that Dr. Ralph Graef has entered this matter as opposing counsel. As a long-standing media attorney in Germany, Dr. Graef's professional history may intersect with individuals or institutions responsible for evaluating this case, including former and current leadership at GEMA. My intention is not to challenge the credibility of any party, but rather to ensure that all relevant factors are transparently noted on record.

I trust that GEMA is committed to fairness, especially in matters involving international rights holders, ASCAP-registered compositions, and cross-border copyright enforcement. This notice is provided to reinforce that trust and to avoid the appearance of conflict or partiality as the case progresses.

If appropriate, I welcome the appointment of a neutral case handler or ethics officer to oversee the final phase of review and enforcement.

Thank you for your attention,

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(Matthew Jordan Hemerlein)

Member: ASCAP, GEMA

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