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Sens. Blunt & Coons, Reps. Scanlon & Young Introduce Resolution Marking Second Annual “Public Radio Music Day”

WASHINGTON, D.C. (November 2, 2021) – Yesterday, U.S. Senators Roy Blunt (R-MO) and Chris Coons (D-DE), along with U.S. Representatives Mary Gay Scanlon (D-PA) and Don Young (R-AK), introduced a bipartisan, bicameral resolution to mark November 10, 2021, as Public Radio Music Day. The resolution celebrates local public radio music stations and their service to listeners, artists, and communities across America, particularly during the pandemic. Over the last 20 months, public radio stations have gone to extraordinary lengths to support their communities while keeping local audiences connected with artists and musical discovery.

“Over twenty million listeners tune in to local public radio music stations every week,” said **Senator Blunt**. “These stations provide their audiences a unique listening experience, whether they’re spotlighting local artists, playing a wide variety of music, or engaging with their local communities. I’m proud to introduce this bipartisan resolution to mark Public Radio Music Day and celebrate public radio’s contributions to the arts, education, and culture.”

“Public radio connects emerging artists, music, and local culture,” said **Senator Coons**. “I’m glad to join my colleagues in recognizing November 10 as Public Radio Music Day, and to celebrate our radio stations that enrich our communities and bring us together in times we need it most.”

“When I was in college, I loved working at our school’s radio station,” said **Representative Scanlon**. “Public radio stations serve as a source of entertainment and education, providing listeners across the United States a gateway to the world. The diversity of their innovative programming is an unparalleled public service which I am proud to celebrate with this resolution designating November 10, 2021, as Public Radio Music Day.”

“Public radio stations offer a critical gateway to listeners in Alaska and across our nation,” said **Representative Young**. “Through these stations, up-and-coming musicians, treasured artists, and unique programs help to broaden our cultural horizons. I am proud to help lead this bicameral, bipartisan resolution celebrating Public Radio Music Day. I have been a long-time supporter of public radio, and it is my great hope that our country’s stations continue to inspire audiences of all ages to get involved in the musical arts.”

To learn more about Public Radio Music Day, visit our website [here](#).

About the noncomMUSIC Alliance

The noncomMUSIC Alliance celebrates nonprofit, local public radio’s role in connecting artists with the communities who enjoy and support their music. Established in 2018, the Alliance represents over 150 partner public radio music stations, all locally owned and operated, yet united by their shared values of music discovery, curation, preservation, performance, and community. To learn more about the noncomMUSIC Alliance, please visit noncomMUSIC.org.

More information about Public Radio Music Day and local events across the country is available at:
PublicRadioMusicDay.org.

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