

Dear Mr Gowers,

For what it's worth, I would like to add my voice to the many, who are against the proposal to extend the copyright law to 95 years.

I don't wish to list all the reasons why I think this is a preposterous idea. I'm sure many others have done this already.

However, I would suggest it's being done for reasons of pure greed by the record companies, instead of reasons for preserving and protecting our musical heritage. If the proposal goes ahead, then the chance to hear many important recordings will disappear overnight.

A suitable compromise could involve the linking of the recording to the artists life time and adding an extension of, say 25 years. Also, I believe I am right in thinking that the copyright of certain things can be renewed if necessary. For example, the renewing of film copyrights by major film companies. Surely, a similar process could be devised for musical works thus ensuring that money can still be made by EMI for Elvis, Beatles etc

I trust the right decision for the benefit of the music loving public will be made.

God bless.

Yours sincerely,

David Glass