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Topic: An email describing a live performance

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Subject: Should fans do whatever they want to if they have paid to watch a performance?

Hey Jasper!

How are you these days? I just went to a live show performed by the famous entertainer, Betty, on Sunday. I had a great time, but something totally unexpected happened! I think you already know about it because it is online. Betty stopped a fan who was videotaping her!

Let me tell you what happened. While everyone was enjoying Betty's song, she suddenly yelled, 'Please don't! You're not licensed to videotape me and you're bothering the other concertgoers! It's illegal and infringes copyrights. Also, how could you be so selfish? Your tripod makes it hard for others to watch the show. Security! Please help me to call the police! And take this man outside!'

Everyone was shocked. Can you imagine her angry face and loud voice? I can understand why she was angry, but, you know, the show must go on. After she shouted, she said sorry to everyone and continued the performance.

I do agree with Betty that we should not videotape a concert. This is because it is disrespectful to the performer. Also, it is not fair to the audience who have spent lots of money to watch the show. If concertgoers record the show and upload it online, people who were not there can watch it for free! This is unfair.

Besides, videotaping a concert is illegal; it infringes copyrights. Everyone should enjoy the show and focus on the performer and not on the equipment that is being used for recording the show. This is one of the ways we show respect to the entertainer. Don't you think so? I think the government should do something to stop this kind of illegal action as well.

Unlike watching YouTube videos online, going to the concert can allow fans to meet their favorite idols in person. However, we should not do something that breaks the law. Videotaping disturbs not only the performers, but also the audience. In addition, recording a concert infringes copyrights. So, we'd better turn off our smartphones or cameras and focus on the performers while watching a live show.

By the way, do you want to go to a concert with me next time? I'm really looking forward to seeing you.

Best wishes,

Chris