August 7, 2018

Ms. Nancy Skinner

Senator for California Senate District 9

State Capitol, Room 2059
Sacramento, CA 95814

**RE: DPSFV Supports Senate Bill 1025 [Probation for Non-Violent Drug Offenses]**

Dear Senator Skinner:

Please note for the record that last night the Executive Board of the Democratic Party of the San Fernando Valley (DP/SFV) voted unanimously to support Senate Bill 1025. To provide some background on our organization, DP/SFV was founded in 1978 and chartered by the Los Angeles County Democratic Central Committee. Our organization is the coordinating body for a coalition of twenty-one Democratic Clubs located in the six Assembly Districts (38, 39, 43, 45, 46, and 50) which are wholly or partially in the San Fernando Valley.

The DP/SFV Political Action Committee met last month to discuss Senate Bill 1025 and voted to recommend that the DP/SFV Executive Board support this important piece of legislation. The Political Action Committee noted that Senate Bill 1025 would allow judges the option to grant probation for certain nonviolent drug offenses, thereby permitting judges the discretion to appropriately weigh the facts and circumstances in the specific case to determine the right outcome. The committee further noted that mandatory minimum sentences are not required for most violent crimes, including domestic violence and offenses involving deadly weapons.

Thank you for introducing this important piece of legislation and for your work on behalf of all Californians. Please feel free to contact me if our organization may be of further assistance in supporting this important piece of legislation. We hope to see it signed into law soon.

Sincerely,

Shanna Ingalsbee

Chair of the Democratic Party of the San Fernando Valley