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DEMOCRATIC PARTY OF THE SAN FERNANDO VALLEY

May 20, 2021

RE: DPSFV Supports Assembly Bill 1385 [Fair Act]

Representatives of the Honorable San Fernando Valley Delegation:

On behalf of the Democratic Party of the San Fernando Valley (DPSFV), we are pleased to report that our Executive Board voted to support AB 1385, which will authorize recording artists to terminate a personal services agreement at any time, by written notice and without an obligation to pay damages, and limits the length of time that companies can exercise contract options for recording artists and actors performing in an episodic series.

DPSFV was founded in 1978 and is 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 DPSFV Political Action Committee met last month to discuss AB 1385 and voted to recommend that the DPSFV Executive Board support this vital piece of legislation. The committee noted that the explosion of television and music streaming have caused producers and record labels to adapt their business practices and production schedules. Due to streaming services, record companies have reduced costs and historic revenues. With no corresponding update to artist contracts, they are doing this at the expense of the artists.

We urge you to support AB 1385.

Please note that DPSFV will be tracking this bill as it travels through the Legislature. Your voting record will be noted and may be considered should you ever seek our endorsement. Your office is always welcome to contact DPSFV if you have any questions.

Sincerely and respectfully,



Chair Sean M. Rivas
Democratic Party of the San Fernando Valley

cc: Assembly Members Rivas, Friedman, Gabriel, Nazarian, Bloom, and Lorena Gonzalez (author)
Senators Hertzberg, Portantino, Stern and Allen

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