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DEMOCRATIC PARTY OF THE SAN FERNANDO VALLEY

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RE: DPSFV Supports Assembly Bill 752 (Prescription Drug Coverage)

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 752, which will mandate PBMs to release patient-specific information to providers so that patients can receive information about cost at point-of-care, as opposed to the pharmacy counter. We urge you to support AB 752.

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 Executive Board met this month and voted to support this vital piece of legislation. DPSFV agrees with the bill's intended goal of helping patients make better-informed choices with their care provider by providing cost information at the point-of-care, with their doctor sitting in the room. Too often, patients are issued a prescription only to find out at the pharmacy counter that it is beyond their means to afford the prescription in question.

By allowing care providers to identify a patient's prescription cost at the point-of-care, doctors and their patients will be able to have informed discussions and make decisions about alternative treatment plans when financial barriers to a given prescription medication are present. In addition to delaying a patient's access to care, delays in accessing prescription cost information result in increased administrative burden on providers and increased utilization of more costly healthcare alternatives when medical conditions go untreated.

This information is currently shared only with the pharmacy, and then communicated back to the patient and prescriber, creating delays in time to care and administrative action.

We urge you to support AB 752.

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 (author), and Bloom
Senators Hertzberg, Portantino, Stern and Allen