

March 14, 2022

The Honorable Alex Padilla 112 Hart Senate Office Building Washington, D.C. 20510

RE: DPSFV Supports S. 3212 [Veteran Deportation Prevention and Reform Act]

Dear Senator Padilla,

On behalf of the Democratic Party of the San Fernando Valley (DPSFV), we are pleased to report that our Executive Board voted to support S. 3212 which provides protections from deportation for noncitizen veterans and contains other related provisions.

We thank you for supporting this important piece of legislation. Feel free to use this letter as you see fit.

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 S. 3212 and voted to recommend that the DPSFV Executive Board support this vital piece of legislation. The committee noted that this legislation protects members of the Armed forces, veterans and their spouses by ensuring that an individual is not removed from the country until (1) ICE has transferred that individual's case files to an advisory committee created under this bill, and (2) that committee has provided recommendations as to the outcome of the case. Furthermore, this legislation creates a system to share information across various agencies about noncitizen veterans who may be subject to removal to ensure that such a veteran's military service is taken into consideration in immigration-related cases.

We thank you for supporting this legislation which protects our members of the Armed Forces and our veterans who risk their lives to serve our country.

Your office is always welcome to contact DPSFV if you have any questions or if we may be helpful to your efforts.

Sincerely and respectfully,

Chair Sean M. Rivas

Democratic Party of the San Fernando Valley