



August 22, 2021

RE: DPSFV Supports HR 2721 and S 1271 (Clean Commute for Kids 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 HR 2721 and S 1271, the Clean Commute for Kids Act. This legislation would transition the nation's school bus fleet to zero-emission vehicles (ZEVs).

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 HR 2721/S 1271 and voted to recommend that the DPSFV Executive Board support this vital piece of legislation. The committee noted this legislation would protect our environment and our children's health by investing \$25 billion to replace existing diesel buses with electric buses. We also noted that the Clean Commute for Kids Act will allocate forty percent of funding to support replacing school buses serving environmental justice communities.

Children in Environmental Justice communities such as the Northeast San Fernando Valley face disproportionately higher rates of asthma and respiratory issues which affect their quality of life and education. The residents of the San Fernando Valley deserve a healthy and sustainable community that promotes health and well-being. The Clean Commute for Kids Act will allow children from our community and the nation to breathe easier, live in a healthier environment while also protecting our environment.

We strongly urge you to support the Clean Commute for Kids Act.

Please note that DPSFV will be tracking these bills as they travel through Congress. 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: Congressional Members Sherman, Cárdenas (author), Lieu, and Schiff
U.S. Senators Feinstein and Padilla (author)

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