

SAG-AFTRA Statement on Unanimous Passage of the Music Modernization Act by the U.S. House of Representatives

LOS ANGELES (April 25, 2018) – SAG-AFTRA commends the U.S. House of Representatives for unanimously passing the Music Modernization Act [H.R. 5447] today.

SAG-AFTRA National Executive Director David White said the following:

“Today’s vote by the House is an encouraging sign that our singers, sound recording artists and songwriters will, at last, be justly compensated for their pre-1972 works that have been enjoyed by millions on digital and satellite platforms without compensation to the creators. We thank the majority of Republicans and Democrats who voted to fix this injustice and to move the music industry forward. We thank House Judiciary Committee Chairman Bob Goodlatte, Ranking Member Jerrold Nadler, Rep. Doug Collins, Rep. Hakeem Jeffries, Rep. Darrell Issa and all the other congressional leaders who are working to bring equity and respect to our most cherished creative voices.

“We look forward to working with the Senate to ensure all aspects of the Music Modernization Act are approved.”

About SAG-AFTRA

SAG-AFTRA represents approximately 160,000 actors, announcers, broadcast journalists, dancers, DJs, news writers, news editors, program hosts, puppeteers, recording artists, singers, stunt performers, voiceover artists and other entertainment and media professionals. SAG-AFTRA members are the faces and voices that entertain and inform America and the world. A proud affiliate of the AFL-CIO, SAG-AFTRA has national offices in Los Angeles and New York and local offices nationwide representing members working together to secure the strongest protections for entertainment and media artists into the 21st century and beyond. Visit SAG-AFTRA online at SAGAFTRA.org.

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