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## Music Modernization Act Passes in the House, Positive Outlook in the Senate

WASHINGTON, D.C. (April 25, 2018) – Today, the Music Modernization Act, H.R. 5447, passed the House of Representatives with a bipartisan 415-0 vote. Now attention turns to the Senate, where their version of the bill, S. 2334, currently has 23 cosponsors and enjoys the support of two-thirds of the Senate Judiciary Committee.

The Music Modernization Act (MMA) seeks to update the music licensing process with modern technology and greater transparency to speed royalty payments to music publishers and songwriters.

**In response to today's vote, Chris Harrison, CEO of DiMA, the Digital Media Association, which represents music streaming companies, released the following statement:**

"DiMA thanks Chairman Goodlatte (R-VA), Ranking Member Nadler (D-NY), Rep. Collins (R-GA), and Rep. Jeffries (D-NY) for their bold leadership in steering the MMA to passage in the House.

"The Music Modernization Act is a great step forward, bringing greater transparency through a blanket license, which is critical to a modern, efficient licensing system. As the Senate considers the MMA, we look forward to working with Senators Hatch (R-UT), Whitehouse (D-RI), Alexander (R-TN), and Coons (D-DE), in addition to Senate Judiciary Chairman Grassley (R-IA) and Ranking Member Feinstein (D-CA), to make sure it successfully passes the Senate and ultimately is signed into law.

"Digital streaming services have saved the music industry, delivering consumers better experiences and better value, and growing revenue for creators. The MMA will ensure fans and artists can take full advantage of streaming to create, discover, and enjoy the music they love. The music industry is streaming forward and we will continue to work with Congress to enable the industry to move away from the music mess of the past."

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### **About DiMA:**

DiMA, the Digital Media Association, is the voice of the streaming industry. Promoting innovation and investment policy, uniting creators, copyright owners, and consumers with technology services that bring more choice and competition, greater access and lower prices.

DiMA members include: Amazon, Apple, Microsoft, Napster, Pandora, Spotify and YouTube.  
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