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## **DiMA: Senate Passage of Music Modernization Act a Win for Streaming Fans and Artists**

WASHINGTON, D.C. (September 18, 2018) – In a win for streaming consumers and musicians, the Senate passed the bipartisan Music Modernization Act (MMA), by unanimous consent.

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. The bill also provides digital streaming services with increased efficiency and greater certainty.

Now attention turns back to the House, where Representatives must vote on the Senate version of the MMA before the legislation is sent to President Donald Trump for his signature. In April 2018, the House passed a prior version of the MMA unanimously.

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

"Today the Senate passed the Orrin G. Hatch Music Modernization Act by unanimous consent. This milestone for the MMA demonstrates that with bipartisan leadership and a united music industry looking to the future, consumers, creators and copyright owners can all benefit.

"The MMA is a groundbreaking piece of legislation that will streamline royalty payments and bring some much-needed transparency to the system. DiMA wishes to thank Senators Orrin Hatch (R-UT), Sheldon Whitehouse (D-RI), Chuck Grassley (R-IA), Dianne Feinstein (D-CA), Lamar Alexander (R-TN), Chris Coons (D-DE), Mike Lee (R-UT), Ron Wyden (D-OR), Ted Cruz (R-TX), and John Kennedy (R-LA) for their dedicated work in steering the MMA to passage in the Senate.

"Digital streaming and innovation have saved the music industry, delivering consumers better experiences and better value, and growing revenue for creators. With Senate passage of the MMA, we look forward to working with Members of the House in the coming days to send a strong bill to the President's desk for his signature."

**\*\*Chris Harrison testified before Congress in support of the MMA earlier this year. Watch [here](#).**

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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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