RESOLUTION 2018-11

Expressing Disappointment with Representative Ami Bera’s Vote to Weaken the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990

WHEREAS, H.R. 620 is a Republican-sponsored bill that will weaken the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA) by shifting the burden of enforcing civil rights from businesses to people with disabilities in a manner inconsistent with how other civil rights are treated; and

WHEREAS, The Democratic Party of Sacramento County voted to oppose H.R. 620 on November 9, 2017, and called upon Representative Ami Bera (D-CA) to uphold the values of the Democratic Party by withdrawing his co-sponsorship and support of H.R. 620 and opposing the bill; and

WHEREAS, Representative Bera nevertheless voted to shift the burden of enforcing civil rights under the ADA by keeping the notice and cure provision in H.R. 620 by voting against the Langevin Amendment, an amendment introduced by Representative Jim Langevin (D-RI), the first quadriplegic person elected to Congress, which would have stripped the notice and cure provision from the bill, and then voted to pass the final bill;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Democratic Party of Sacramento County expresses its disappointment that Representative Bera voted to weaken the ADA by voting against the Langevin Amendment to strike the notice and cure provision of H.R. 620, and thereafter voted for passage of the bill.

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