

Dear Assemblywoman Gonzalez,

We are the Black Music Action Coalition and we're writing to support AB1385. The Black Music Action Coalition was formed in the wake of the murder of George Floyd to address and eradicate systemic racism within the music business and to advocate on the behalf of black industry professionals. Our Coalition is proud to represent over 200 of the most influential artists, managers, attorneys and executives in the entertainment industry.

We support AB1385 because we believe that every person should have the same protection under California law. Under the current statute, artists aren't allowed to end contracts after seven years, without ridiculous consequences, while any other California citizen can, putting artists at a disadvantage. Artists don't want more, just the same protection. As an organization we firmly believe that record companies must begin to look at artists as partners and not products. This is a great opportunity for us as a society to get it right.

With Gratitude,

The Black Music Action Coalition