



## **RECORDING ACADEMY™ APPLAUDS CONTINUED MOMENTUM FOR MUSIC CREATORS AS RECORDING ARTS AND SCIENCES CONGRESSIONAL CAUCUS CONVENES WITH BIPARTISAN MEMBERS**

### **HOUSE MAJORITY AND MINORITY LEADERS TO CO-CHAIR CAUCUS FOR 116TH CONGRESS**

**SANTA MONICA, CALIF. (MARCH 14, 2019)** — Today, the Recording Academy™ welcomed the announcement of the members of the bipartisan Recording Arts and Sciences Congressional Caucus for the 116th Congress, chaired by House Majority Leader Steny Hoyer (D-Md.) and House Minority Leader Kevin McCarthy (R-Calif.). Established in 2005, the caucus works with music creators to understand the economic and cultural impact of the music business on legislation.

The 2019 caucus membership boasts a strong list of music advocates, including **Andy Biggs** (R-Ariz.), **Julia Brownley** (D-Calif.), **Ken Buck** (R-Colo.), **Tony Cárdenas** (D-Calif.), **Judy Chu** (D-Calif.), **Doug Collins** (R-Ga.), **Lou Correa** (D-Calif.), **Louie Gohmert** (R-Texas), **Steny Hoyer** (D-Md.), **Sheila Jackson Lee** (D-Texas), **Kevin McCarthy** (R-Calif.), **Michael McCaul** (R-Texas), **Jerrold Nadler** (D-N.Y.), **Martha Roby** (R-Ala.), **Linda Sánchez** (D-Calif.), and **Adam Schiff** (D-Calif.).

Collaboration between music advocates and members of Congress has led to incredible strides for music creators, including the unanimous passage of the 2018 [Music Modernization Act](#) into law. Throughout the past 14 years, the caucus has heard from creators ranging from singers and songwriters to producers and engineers on how current laws impact their work and livelihood. Caucus members have met with Recording Academy members including the Band Perry, Kelly Clarkson, Brenda Lee, and Slash to discuss music's role in policy decision-making.

"The 116th Congress began on a strong tailwind for music policy issues, and the robust, bipartisan membership of this caucus demonstrates a continued focus on music policy," said Daryl P. Friedman, Chief Industry, Government, & Member Relations Officer for the Recording Academy. "Recording Academy members look forward to working with the entire caucus to ensure that creators' voices continue to be heard on issues that affect them as well as the next generation of music creators."

The Recording Academy is proud to support the caucus and its efforts to promote the intersection of lawmakers and music makers.

#### **ABOUT THE RECORDING ACADEMY**

The Recording Academy represents the voices of performers, songwriters, producers, engineers, and all music professionals. Dedicated to ensuring the recording arts remain a thriving part of our shared cultural heritage, the Academy honors music's history while investing in its future through the GRAMMY Museum®, advocates on behalf of music creators, supports music people in times of need through MusiCares®, and celebrates artistic excellence through the GRAMMY Awards®—music's only peer-recognized accolade and highest



achievement. As the world's leading society of music professionals, we work year-round to foster a more inspiring world for creators.

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