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The Honorable Suzette Martinez Valladares  
Assemblymember, 38<sup>th</sup> District  
State Capitol, Room 3147  
Sacramento, CA 94249

Dear Assemblymember Martinez Valladares:

I would like to share my support for Assembly Bill 420, which would adjust the “COVID-19 INDUSTRY GUIDANCE: Amusement Parks and Theme Parks” guidance document to place the reopening of amusement parks within the moderate risk tier, rather than the minimal risk tier. This is critical to Los Angeles County, as the entertainment and hospitality industries are crucial components of the Southern California economy.

According to the Los Angeles Economic Development Corporation (LAEDC), the “Amusement, Gambling & Recreation” sector has experienced the highest percentage of jobs lost in Los Angeles County, with more than 98 percent of jobs lost in this industry since March 2019. Furthermore, most of those impacted are low-income workers, with an average salary of only \$32,000 per year.

While I recognize that tourism and recreation will remain in limited operations until the vaccine is more widely distributed, it is essential that we begin a slow reopening. With full outdoor operations and the ability to maintain physical distancing, theme parks across the Country have proven that they can safely open. Large theme parks nationwide began reopening last summer, and there has still not yet been any outbreaks or significant spread from these establishments.

California currently allows museums and restaurants to open outdoors and retail operations indoors. The operations of theme parks are no different than the combination of these three sectors. Theme parks are critical to the fabric of our communities and economy and have proven they can open safely.

I am proud to support this effort, and I look forward to continuing to partner with you in the future to help our theme parks.

Sincerely,

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