

Fan Freedom Statement on Governor Murphy Signing Assembly Bill 4259

Following New Jersey Governor Phil Murphy's signing of Assembly Bill 4259, Fan Freedom issued the following statement, which can be attributed to Fan Freedom's President Chris VanDeHoef:

"We are disappointed Governor Murphy chose to disregard the needs of sports and music fans. Assembly Bill 4259 (A4259) repeals existing law requiring venues to offer season ticket holders an option to sell tickets back to the venue for events they can't attend, eliminating choice for devoted fans and sticking them with the financial burden of unused tickets. This law effectively denies New Jersey sports fans the opportunity to get their money back—and other fans the opportunity to attend.

"A4259 also repeals a 2001 law prohibiting ticket issuers from withholding more than five percent of tickets to an event. This will give Ticketmaster and ticket venues even more market control to set and manipulate the price of tickets by limiting the number of tickets on sale. This will only lead to higher prices and more confusion for real fans.

"While some good things were in the bill, the legislation ignored critical consumer issues and passed with no debate or input from fans. New Jersey deserves better."

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Fan Freedom is a coalition of music, sports and entertainment lovers across the country working to combat emerging abusive ticket practices