

Key Vote Recommendation: Dream and Promise Act

TO THE MEMBERS OF THE UNITED STATES HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:

FWD.us supports the passage of H.R. 6, the "Dream and Promise Act," and urges all members to vote **YES** on this important and historic legislation.

The Dream and Promise Act establishes an earned path to citizenship for more than two million DACA recipients, Dreamers, TPS holders and DED recipients who have been living and building families in the United States for decades. It would provide immediate relief from the threat of deportation and an opportunity to finally secure their futures in the only country many have ever known as home.

For decades Dreamers, TPS holders, and DED holders have done everything asked of them; they registered their information with the government, work hard and play by the rules. They contribute to our economy and our country as teachers, scientists, first responders, health care professionals, and community leaders. They pay billions in federal, state, and local taxes, support their U.S. employers, and help grow the economy.

If Congress does not act, millions of longtime residents will be forced to leave their jobs or drop out of school, and will be exposed to a serious risk of deportation to countries that are unsafe to return to and which they may not even remember. This will force significant fiscal costs on U.S. businesses that employ them, and take a tremendous human toll on their communities and families, including U.S. citizen children. There is no doubt these individuals have made tremendous contributions and have earned a place in America; this bill would ensure they are able to continue doing so.

When President Trump ended DACA, he told Congress it was their responsibility to find a solution. While no bill will be perfect, we believe the Dream and Promise Act is a good, narrow, and balanced answer. The provisions in this bill are supported by a vast majority of Americans across the political spectrum, and have been a consistent point of agreement among legislators on both sides of the aisle.

It has been nearly a decade since the House voted on legislation to protect Dreamers and these vulnerable populations cannot afford to wait any longer. The time has come for Congress to finally settle this issue and provide a permanent legislative solution. There is still much work to be done in fixing our broken immigration system, but providing certainty to these hardworking, aspiring Americans is a crucial first step.

Sincerely,

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