

Key Vote Recommendation: H.R. 6, the Dream and Promise Act and H.R. 1603, the Farm Workforce Modernization 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 H.R. 1603, the “Farm Workforce Modernization Act,” and urges all members to vote **YES** on both of these important pieces of legislation.

The Farm Workforce Modernization Act provides a long-overdue pathway to citizenship for undocumented farmworkers and their immediate family members. The bill also takes steps to modernize the agriculture guest worker visa, helping provide stability for farmers and the agricultural workforce. Every day, the labor of farmworkers - which is dangerous and incredibly difficult - supports the critical function of our economy and keeps our food supply chain safe and moving.

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.

The provisions in these bills are very popular, and have been a consistent point of agreement among legislators on both sides of the aisle. Polling from last week shows that 72% of Americans support H.R. 6, and 63% say they will blame both parties if immigration reform fails to pass this year. Both of these bills passed the House in the 116th Congress with bipartisan support. Given the incredible contributions and sacrifices of these individuals during the COVID-19 pandemic, that bipartisan support, and the urgency to act, should be even stronger now. There is still much work to be done in fixing our long failed immigration system, but providing certainty to these hardworking, aspiring Americans is a crucial first step.