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**To: Interested Parties**

**Fr: Impact Research / Public Opinion Strategies**

**Re: Findings from Recent Nationwide Immigration Polling**

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A recent poll conducted before the 5<sup>th</sup> Circuit decision on DACA shows there is strong, bipartisan support for legislation that would create an earned path to citizenship for Dreamers and would invest in border security for the southern border. This poll also finds that messaging that emphasizes that this legislation helps Dreamers, who have been in the country for decades and have long-standing ties to the U.S., is also well-received.

*“There are many immigration-related issues where voters of different parties are far apart, but voters across the spectrum overwhelmingly support creating an earned pathway to citizenship for Dreamers. And there is support across party lines for targeted legislation that pairs a pathway to earn citizenship with efforts to increase and improve border security.”* **-Brian Stryker of Impact Research and Neil Newhouse of Public Opinion Strategies**

## KEY FINDINGS

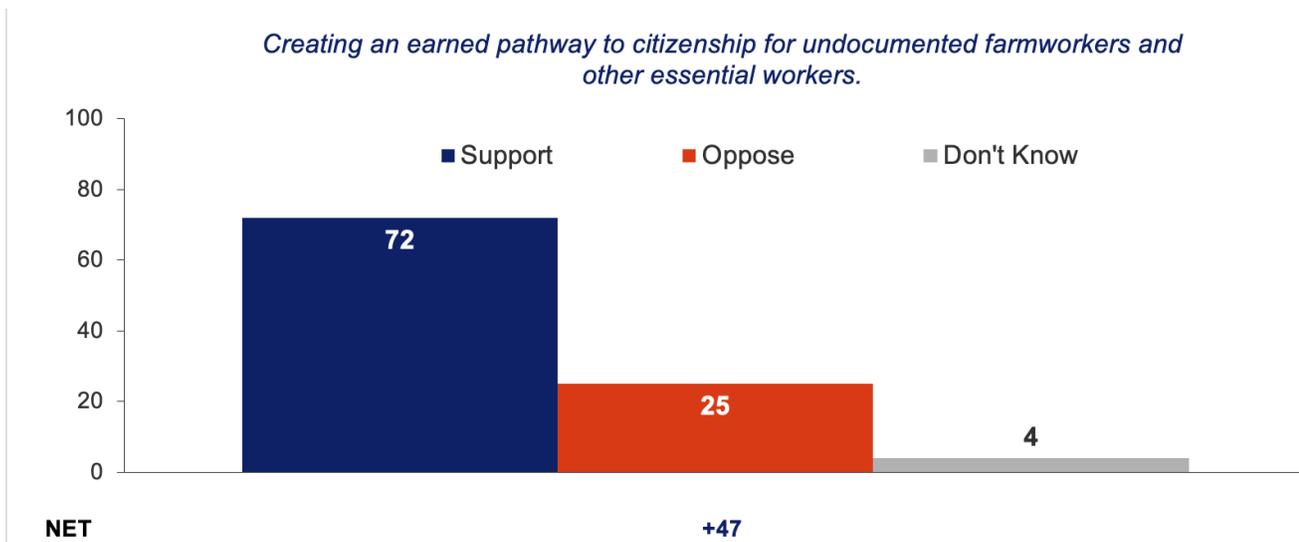
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- **Voters across partisanship overwhelmingly support legislation that would create an earned path to citizenship for Dreamers and secure the southern border.** By a 50-point margin, voters support the proposed legislation (71% support / 21% oppose) with a plurality (45%) *strongly supporting*. Support for the legislation is strongest among Democrats (82% support) and Independents (73% support). It also receives majority support among Republicans (58% support) – including regular Republican primary voters (59% support) – and voters who supported Trump in the 2020 election (59% support).
- **In their own words, voters cite that Dreamers deserve a path to citizenship and the need for border security as the top reasons to support the legislation.** Voters believe that Dreamers have worked hard and earned the right to stay in the country, and they acknowledge that Dreamers came to this country as children, and this is the only country that they know.

These findings are based on the results of an online and text-to-web poll conducted by Impact Research and Public Opinion Strategies from September 23 – October 2, 2022 among N=800 likely 2024 voters nationwide. The results are subject to a margin of error of  $\pm 3.5$  percentage points.



- Creating an earned pathway to citizenship for undocumented farmworkers and other essential workers is also popular.** A majority of Democrats (92%), Independents (69%), and Republicans (52%) support a proposal to provide a pathway to citizenship for undocumented farmworkers.



- Positive messages focused on Dreamers, the requirements of the pathway to citizenship, and border security are well-received.** The most compelling messages overall and across partisanship emphasize that Dreamers are American in every way but their paperwork, that the pathway to citizenship includes requirements to qualify, and that we need to invest in smart border security. After one-sided positive messaging, almost 3-in-4 voters support the legislation (74% support / 21% oppose / 6% don't know).

*Dreamers came to the U.S. as young children, and many have been here for over 20 years. They are American in every way but their paperwork, and it would be wrong to send them with no family to a country they don't know.*

*This earned pathway to citizenship includes requirements like participants learning English, paying any taxes owed, and passing a background check — and those who do not pass these strict requirements will not be able to qualify.*

*While we continue to invest in smart border security to reduce illegal immigration, we also need to create an earned pathway to citizenship for Dreamers who have come to this country as children and have lived here for over two decades on average.*