

Citizenship for Our Families, Neighbors, and Communities

Our country is built on the strength and sacrifices of immigrants. During this pandemic, millions of our undocumented neighbors and friends provided essential care for all of us. Yet American communities suffer as more than 11 million immigrants live in fear of imminent separation from their families, traumatic and prolonged detention, or a forcible return to life-threatening situations because of their undocumented status.

Congress has the power to provide permanent solutions for our undocumented communities. Provisions of a pathway to citizenship legislation have support from the majority of federal legislators, the White House, **1,200** faith leaders, **140** of the nation's top businesses, and **70%** of voters across party lines. Congressional action is a matter of will and leadership.

A thriving America needs the full inclusion of undocumented immigrants to restore families, strengthen communities, and revitalize the U.S. economy by nearly **\$2 trillion**.

Now, more than ever, Congress must follow through on its significant steps and promises by enacting permanent protections for undocumented immigrants.

Legislation for a roadmap to citizenship should include:

- » All undocumented immigrants, including Dreamers, Temporary Protected Status (TPS) recipients, essential workers, and farmworkers continuously present since January 1, 2022.
- » An equitable, safe vetting process that does not categorically exclude people due to an interaction with the criminal legal system.
- » A permanent status with the ability to apply for citizenship after eight years.
- » Fair and humane solutions without harmful trade-offs for heightened investments in overfunded enforcement systems.

**Publicly support
and pass
legislation to
provide a
pathway to
citizenship for
undocumented
immigrants this
session.**

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