

Citizenship for Our Neighbors, Families, and Communities

Ten years ago, immigrants, advocates, and faith communities welcomed the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program, which granted temporary relief for our undocumented neighbors who moved to the United States as children. Since then, presidential administrations and the courts have debated the program's fate. Congress continues to defer permanent protections for DACA recipients and all immigrants with undocumented status.

Congress must deliver on its promises by enacting a pathway to citizenship.

The country's prosperity rests on the strength and sacrifices of immigrants who contribute to the U.S.—their home. Instead of experiencing full inclusion, millions of immigrants live with uncertainty. They are vulnerable to imminent separation from their families, traumatic and prolonged detention, or a forcible return to life-threatening situations.

Our communities cannot afford further delays.

Now is the time to establish a pathway to citizenship for all our undocumented neighbors, including Dreamers, Temporary Protected Status (TPS) and Deferred Enforced Departure (DED) holders, essential workers, and farm workers.

- » **A path to citizenship will help the United States thrive:** The full inclusion of undocumented immigrants will restore families, strengthen communities, and revitalize the U.S. economy by nearly *\$2 trillion*.
- » **Our workforce depends on immigrant labor:** The United States' daily workforce includes approximately *7 million* undocumented immigrants. More than *5 million* stepped up as essential workers during the pandemic.
- » **U.S. voters support citizenship:** The U.S. public wants protections for undocumented communities. *75%* of voters across party lines favor lasting protections.
- » **A broad base of support:** Provisions of legislation including a pathway to citizenship have support from the majority of Congress and the White House, *1,600* faith leaders, and *140* of the nation's top businesses.

**Publicly support
and pass a
pathway to
citizenship in the
117th Congress**

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