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The Honorable Jerrold Nadler
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The Honorable Doug Collins
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Dear Chairman Nadler and Ranking Member Collins:

On behalf of the approximately 140,000 members of the National Association of Home Builders (NAHB), I am writing to express encouragement for this Committee's efforts to reform our nation's immigration system, starting with enactment of a more permanent solution addressing the legal status of certain aliens residing long-term in the United States.

NAHB has long supported commonsense reforms to our broken immigration system that encourage prosperity and shrink the informal economy. These include securing our nation's borders; creating a guest worker program that meets our current and future workforce needs; enacting a sensible employee verification system that works for small businesses and protects employers that make a good faith effort to comply; and providing a path to permanent legal status or citizenship to undocumented individuals who meet certain qualifications.

Immigrants are an essential part of the construction industry, representing more than 25 percent of the workforce. Tens of thousands of work-authorized individuals holding temporary protected status (TPS) or participating in the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program have helped to fill a small part of the growing labor gap in the construction industry. With both programs operating provisionally and facing an uncertain future, the exodus of these workers from the construction sector will only exacerbate existing labor shortages and lead to project delays at a cost to taxpayers and consumers.

NAHB appreciates the creation of a pathway under the Dream Act and American Promise Act whereby DACA-eligible aliens and TPS holders can adjust their status to legally and permanently remain in the United States. This is an important and overdue step to ensure these hardworking individuals continue to participate in the American workforce at a time when they are most needed. NAHB supports the advancement of legislation that will allow Dreamers and TPS holders to remain and continue to work legally in this country and urges the Committee to move these reforms forward in a bipartisan manner.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'James W. Tobin III', is written over a white background.

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