

May 21, 2019

The Honorable Jerrold Nadler
Chairman, House Judiciary Committee
United States House of Representatives
Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Nadler:

On behalf of over 4 million union members, Working Families United (WFU) is proud to endorse H.R. 2821 and H.R. 2820, bills to provide a path to citizenship for our members with Temporary Protected Status (TPS), as well as young Americans known as Dreamers.

Working Families United is a coalition of labor organizations representing workers, including many TPS and DACA recipients, in the service and hospitality, airline catering, laundry, meat packing and food processing, entertainment, transportation, and building and construction industries who are upstanding members of our unions and their communities. These workers have spent years developing the job skills at each of their crafts to bring the highest level of professionalism, the highest quality of work and the best performance to their respective industries. Many of our members and their families maintain TPS and/or DACA status, and have been in this country for many years working, building their families, paying taxes, and contributing to the economy. Giving TPS holders and Dreamers a path to citizenship is critical to our unions and to the U.S. economy.

H.R. 2821, the American Promise Act, would protect workers from all TPS designated nations, and their immediate family members, who have had a continuous presence in the U.S., and give them a path to legal permanent resident status as well as eventual naturalization. This bill is the right thing to do for TPS holders and their families, and will also benefit the U.S. economy. Losing TPS workers would cost employers \$967 million in turnover costs. It would cost \$164 billion in lost GDP, plus \$6.9 billion in lost Social Security and Medicare payments over a decade. Sixty thousand TPS families would be forced to drop mortgages.

H.R. 2820, the Dream Act of 2019, would ensure that immigrants who came to the U.S. as children will be able to have a path to permanency as well. This bill is needed to ensure that Dreamers can stay in our country that they know as their home.

Working Families United supports both H.R. 2821 and H.R. 2820 and asks you to vote for these bills without poison pill amendments in the Judiciary Committee markup tomorrow.

Sincerely yours,

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International Union of Painters and Allied Trades
Iron Workers

International Brotherhood of Teamsters
International Union of Bricklayers and Allied Craftworkers
Laborers' International Union of North America (LIUNA)
United Food and Commercial Workers
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cc: Ranking Member Doug Collins
All Members, House Judiciary Committee