

AFL-CIO

LEGISLATIVE ALERT

May 21, 2019

Dear Representative,

On behalf of the AFL-CIO, I urge you to support the Dream (H.R. 2820) and Promise Acts of 2019 (H.R. 2821), both of which provide a well-earned path to citizenship for working people. Our entire workforce benefits when people are able to live and work without fear in our country, and we all will be harmed if vital workers are needlessly stripped of their rights.

Recipients of TPS (Temporary Protected Status,) DED (Deferred Enforced Departure) and DACA (Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals) work in every state of the union, across a wide range of industries. They help to build, feed, serve, educate and care for our nation. For decades, we have benefited from the contributions made by these valued members of our families, our communities and our unions.

Congress now has the opportunity to secure the broad benefits of these relief programs by passing the Dream and Promise Acts. If Congress fails to act, the termination of TPS, DACA and DED will make our country less just and cause far-reaching harm in worksites and communities across the country.

America's unions continue to push for a broad path to citizenship for all of the millions of people whose labor helps our country to prosper. These bills take a necessary step toward that objective by extending permanent protections to Dreamers and TPS and DED recipients. The Committee's decisions this week will set important precedent, so we urge you to oppose any and all weakening amendments. We have a long way to go to achieve fairness in our justice system, and we must reject efforts to criminalize and disempower our nation's workers.

We ask you to support the Dream and Promise Acts as introduced, without harmful amendments. All working people deserve rights on the job and in the community, and your support can help move us closer to that more just future.

Sincerely,



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