June 3, 2019

U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Representative:

We, the 167 undersigned local, state, and national organizations in the areas of immigration, civil rights, human rights, labor, faith, LGBTQ rights, and education, urge you to vote against any anti-immigrant Motions to Recommit (MTRs) to the Dream and Promise Act of 2019, H.R. 6, regardless of the substance of the motion. This includes any additional funding or resources for U.S. Immigration Customs and Enforcement and U.S. Customs Border Protection as well as any additional discretionary power to U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services or the U.S. Department of Homeland Security to enable further deportations or detentions. An MTR would serve only to unnecessarily delay the passage of this critical legislation, which would provide a roadmap to citizenship for immigrant youth, Temporary Protected Status (TPS) holders, and Deferred Enforced Departure (DED) beneficiaries.

In this Congress, the minority party has frequently utilized MTRs to amend or attempt to amend legislation to introduce anti-immigrant provisions that criminalize and otherwise attack immigrant communities. The Dream and Promise Act of 2019 represents a milestone in our fight for a just and humane immigration system and, regrettably, also contains criminalizing provisions never before seen in Dream legislation. Although this bill represents a monumental step forward, we continue to urge Congress to abandon the failed experiment of disqualifying immigrants from relief based on previous interactions with the criminal legal system. Congress—through MTRs or otherwise—must not add further criminalization provisions to this legislation.

We urge you to support an expeditious House floor vote on this bill, which would represent the first time a chamber of Congress enacted legislation that provides immigration relief to upwards of 2.6 million individuals without onerous enforcement provisions. We remain committed to the dignity of our communities, including our families, and maintain that it is the duty of the House of Representatives to uphold this dignity by defending the integrity of the bill’s beneficiaries and their loved ones. Consequently, we urge you to vote against any anti-immigrant MTRs to the Dream and Promise Act of 2019, regardless of the substance of those motions. It is well past time for Congress to provide relief for immigrant youth, TPS holders, and DED recipients with no accompanying poison pills.

Sincerely,

National Organizations
AFL-CIO
African Communities Together

1 The Dream and Promise Act of 2019 consists of two separate bills marked up through the House Judiciary Committee, the Dream Act of 2019, H.R. 2820 and the American Promise Act, H.R. 2821.
Alianza Americas
America’s Voice
American Civil Liberties Union
American Friends Service Committee
Asian American Legal Defense and Education Fund (AALDEF)
Asian Pacific American Labor Alliance, AFL-CIO
Asian Pacific Institute on Gender Based Violence
ASISTA
Bend the Arc: Jewish Action
Bread for the World
Casa de Esperanza: National Latin@ Network for Healthy Families and Communities
Center for Law & Social Policy (CLASP)
Center For Popular Democracy
CenterLink
Church World Service
Coalition on Human Needs
Congregation of Our Lady of Charity of the Good Shepherd, US Provinces
Congregation of Sisters of St. Agnes
Daily Kos
Defending Rights & Dissent
Detention Watch Network
Dominicans of Sinsinawa
EDGE Partners LLC
Fair Immigration Reform Movement (FIRM)
Families Belong Together
Farmworker Justice
Franciscan Sisters of the Poor, US Area
Great Plains Rapid Response Immigration Team
GreenLatinos
Hispanic Federation
Human Rights Campaign
IIBA
Immigration Hub
In Our Own Voice: National Black Women’s Reproductive Justice Agenda
Interfaith Worker Justice
International Union of Painters and Allied Trades
InterReligious Task Force on Central America and Colombia
Latin America Working Group (LAWG)
Latino Victory Project
Leadership Conference of Women Religious
Mi Familia Vota
MomsRising
MoveOn
National Advocacy Center of the Sisters of the Good Shepherd
National Center for Transgender Equality
National Coalition Against Domestic Violence
National Council of Jewish Women
National Education Association
National Equality Action Team (NEAT)
National Immigration Law Center
National Justice for Our Neighbors
National Organization for Women
National Survivor Network
NETWORK Lobby for Catholic Social Justice
New American Leaders Action Fund
Office of Social Justice, Christian Reformed Church in North America
PFLAG National
Provincial Council Clerics of St. Viator
RAICES
Sierra Club
South Asian Americans Leading Together (SAALT)
Southern Border Communities Coalition
T'ruah: The Rabbinic Call for Human Rights
Teach Plus
The Black Alliance for Just Immigration
UFW Foundation
UnidosUS (formerly the National Council of La Raza)
Union for Reform Judaism
URGE: Unite for Reproductive & Gender Equity
Voices for Progress
Washington Office on Latin America (WOLA)
Win Without War
Youth Progressive Action Catalyst

State and Local Organizations
AB540 Ally Training Project
Adhikaar
Arizona Justice For Our Neighbors
Arkansas United
Asian Counseling & Referral Service
ATNJ Bergen County
Ayuda
Cabrini Immigrant Services of NYC, Inc.
CASA
Casa Latina
CASA REINA
Catholic Charities Diocese of Des Moines
Central American Resource Center
Chesapeake Multicultural Resource Center
Church of Our Saviour/La Iglesia de Nuestro Salvador
Church Women United in New York State
Cleveland Jobs with Justice
Coalition for Humane Immigrant Rights (CHIRLA)
Colorado Immigrant Rights Coalition
Crisis Intervention Service
DC-MD Justice for Our Neighbors
Define American at Rutgers-Camden
Dream Action Oklahoma
End Domestic Abuse WI
Equality California
Equality North Carolina
Families Rights Network
Family Action Network Movement (FANM)
Franciscans for Justice
ICADV
Idaho Coalition Against Sexual & Domestic Violence
Illinois Coalition Against Domestic Violence
Immigrant Allies of Marshalltown
Immigrant Legal Advocacy Project
Indivisible Marin
Indivisible NJ-5
International Institute of New England
Iowa Coalition Against Sexual Assault
JOLT USA
Just Neighbors
Justice For Our Neighbors East Texas
Justice for Our Neighbors-MI
KC Metro Immigration Alliance
Kentucky Coalition for Immigrant and Refugee Rights
Kids for College
Legal Aid Justice Center
Lorain Ohio Immigrant Rights Asso.
Los Angeles LGBT Center
Mahwah After the March
Maine Coalition to End Domestic Violence
Make the Road Nevada
Make the Road NY
Make the Road Pennsylvania
Mauritanian Activist
Migrant and Immigrant Community Action Project
Mission Graduates
Montgomery County Civil Rights Coalition
Nebraska Appleseed
New American Pathways
New Jersey Coalition to End Domestic Violence
New York Immigration Coalition
NHCUCC Immigrant and Refugee Support Group
NJ Alliance for Immigrant Justice
NM CAFe
Ohio Immigrant Alliance
OLA RAZA INC
Pennsylvania Council of Churches
Progressive Leadership Alliance of Nevada
Retired-Diocese of Oakland
Rural and Migrant Ministry
Seattle Immigrant Rights Action Group
Services, Immigrant Rights & Education Network (SIREN)
Silver State Equality (Nevada)
Sisters and Brothers of Immigrants (SBI)
Sisters of St. Francis - Dubuque
Sisters of St. Francis, St. Francis Province
Sisters of the Presentation of Aberdeen SD
St. Andrew Lutheran Church
St. Francis Community Services
The Center for Undocumented Students
The Legal Clinic Hawai‘i
Udja Temple Ministries
Unidos MN
University of San Francisco Immigration & Deportation Defense Clinic+
Ventura County Clergy and Laity United for Economic Justice
Violence Free Colorado
Waldwick Progressives
Wallingford Indivisible
Washington State Coalition Against Domestic Violence
Wayne Action for Racial Equality
Wilco Justice Alliance (Williamson County, TX)
Women for Progress