

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.<sup>1</sup> 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

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<sup>1</sup> 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