



League of United Latin American Citizens

TITLE: DEFENSE OF THE CONSTITUTIONAL AND HUMAN RIGHTS OF AMERICAN-BORN AND FOREIGN-BORN FAMILY MEMBERS OF IMMIGRANT WORKERS

WHEREAS these United States have historically supported family reunification as the function of immigration laws and reuniting families is the bedrock of American values;

WHEREAS currently in 2019 there are over 12 million undocumented persons who have been prevented from reuniting with their families—do to political stalemate of national leaders and political parties;

WHEREAS, the last legalization program in 1986 was with bipartisan legislation and is known as the Immigration and Reform Act (IRCA), which regularized approximately 3 million person to legal resident statuses;

WHEREAS, large numbers of U.S. citizens are directly affected by the separation of families- due to the stalemate in Congress and the White House;

WHEREAS, an increasing number of American-born children of immigrant workers find themselves in Mexico because their parents had been deported since the current administration has made strict immigration policy of its agenda;

WHEREAS, researchers and authorities estimate that between half a million and 800,000 American-born children now live in Mexico with their deported parents;

WHEREAS, American-born children of immigrant workers both in the US without their parents or in Mexico are likely to drop out of school altogether;

WHEREAS, the American-born children of immigrant workers have a right to live with their family;

WHEREAS, American-born children of immigrant workers who choose to stay in the U.S., separated from their parents who were shipped to Mexico, are more likely to suffer from early-onset mental illness and behavioral problems;

WHEREAS, the American-born children of immigrant workers have a right to participate in the political process of the country of their birth;

WHEREAS, the 14th Amendment of the US Constitution states that all persons born or naturalized in the United States and subject to the jurisdiction thereof, are citizens of the United States and of the State wherein they reside.

WHEREAS, the 14th Amendment states that no State shall make or enforce any law which shall abridge the privileges or immunities of citizens of the United States; nor shall any State deprive any person of life, liberty, or property, without due process of law; nor deny any person within its jurisdiction the equal protection of the laws.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the League of United Latin American Citizens National Board, on behalf of its members urge Congress to:

support, approve, and sign HR 6 – the DREAM and Promise Act to meet the needs of Dreamers and recipients of Temporary Protected Status (TPS), estimated at 2.5 million Americans:

legalize under US laws, all parents and family members of DREAMers, estimated at 6 million persons;

defend the constitutional rights of the American-born children of immigrant workers;

ensure that the American-born children can live and be educated in the country of their birth alongside their families;

stop the de facto and unconstitutional deportation of American-born children of immigrant workers;

provide the American-born children of immigrant workers participation in the political process of the country of their birth;

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