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United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator:

On behalf of the League of United Latin American Citizens (LULAC), the nation's oldest and largest Latino civil rights organization in the country, I write to express our organization's strong opposition to H.R. 5272, an extreme and unnecessary bill that would deny Latinos, including additional DREAMERS and other hardworking migrants, an opportunity to become fully part of American society.

LULAC has diligently worked for years with faith based organizations, businesses, and advocacy groups of every stripe to engage and educate members of Congress on the need for bipartisan, comprehensive immigration reform. While we were encouraged by the bipartisan display of support for S.744 in the Senate not long ago, our organization is deeply troubled by efforts to pass legislation like H.R. 5272 which would strip away critical protections for Latino immigrants and other aspiring citizens.

Our organization sees this bill and efforts by some Senators to move forward with this bill, as an affront to the Latino community. It is extreme and unnecessary and does nothing to address the humanitarian crisis at the border or fix our broken immigration system. Perhaps most disappointing, is that this bill comes on the heels of the release of the [2014 National Immigration Score Card](#), produced by LULAC and national Latino, Asian American, and Pacific Islander groups, which highlights Congress' dismal record on immigration reform.

Close to two million of our brothers and sisters have been deported, separating countless families. Moreover, thousands of children, fleeing extreme poverty and violence, are locked up in detention centers across the country. Because of Congress' inaction, President Obama has taken bold steps to provide limited and temporary relief to young Latino students, DREAMERS, who meet very specific requirements. Today, rather than continuing to show bipartisanship on the issue of immigration reform, supporting efforts to pass legislation like H.R. 5272 would be a distracting act of extremism aimed at DREAMERS and other hardworking Latino immigrant brothers and sisters.

As some in the Senate move forward with procedural moves to bring forward legislation like H.R. 5272, LULAC urges all sensible-minded Senators to do the right thing and reject such actions. The 135,000 members of LULAC will carefully monitor movement on this legislation and any votes may be included in future score cards. We look forward to working with you on critical issues. Please feel free to have your staff reach out to Luis Torres, LULAC Director of Policy, at latorres@lulac.org should you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Margaret Moran
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