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Dreamer Fund Supports American Dream and Promise Act of 2019 – H.R. 6.

SAN FRANCISCO, CA – On March 12, 2019, Representatives Lucille Roybal-Allard (D-CA), Nydia Velázquez (D-NY), and Yvette Clarke (D-NY) introduced the **American Dream and Promise Act of 2019**, H.R. 6 (“ADPA”). The ADPA combines longstanding efforts to provide a roadmap to U.S. citizenship for undocumented youth, people who have or are eligible for Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (“DACA”), people who had or were eligible for temporary protected status (“TPS”) or people with deferred enforced departure (“DED”). The ADPA bill as a whole is divisible into two titles, “The Dream Act,” or Title I of the bill (provisions regarding relief for immigrant youth), and “The American Promise Act” or Title II of the bill (provisions related to TPS and DED).

Title I of the ADPA is substantially similar to the Dream Act of 2017. Similarly, Title II of the ADPA resembles many aspects of the American Promise Act of 2017. The ADPA, as introduced in the U.S. House of Representatives, establishes a roadmap to U.S. citizenship for (1) immigrant youth and (2) current or potential holders of (a) temporary protected status (TPS) or (b) deferred enforced departure (DED). Specifically, it provides conditional permanent resident (“CPR”) status and a roadmap to lawful permanent resident (“LPR”) status and, eventually, U.S. citizenship for immigrant youth who entered the U.S. before age 18, have four or more years of residency, and graduated from high school (or the equivalent). And it provides an opportunity for people who currently have or who may be eligible for TPS or DED who have three or more years of residency to apply for LPR status and, eventually, U.S. citizenship.

Although Dreamer Fund regrets that the ADPA does not address all concerns that would be addressed by means of broad sweeping comprehensive immigration legislation, and continues to call for such legislation, the ADPA would provide relief for many vulnerable immigrant populations that have been targeted by the Trump Administration. Notably, the ADPA bill in its current form does not include provisions which would bolster enforcement operations and does not allocate any funding for the proposed border wall.

In sum, the Dreamer Fund gladly endorses the **American Dream and Promise Act of 2019**, H.R. 6 and enthusiastically encourages you to contact your congressperson to ask that they sponsor and ultimately vote in favor of this bill in the U.S. House of Representatives.

