



# **It's Time to Pass the Dream & Promise Act NOW**

## **ACTION TOOLKIT**

**You will soon have the chance to tell your Representative - face to face - that you want them to pass H.R. 6, the Dream and Promise Act.**

**March 16 - 24 is the Congressional Recess and your Representative will be home to meet with constituents. This is our chance to make our voices heard. Are you in?**

House Democrats just introduced H.R. 6—The Dream and Promise Act—which could provide permanent protection from deportations and a path to citizenship for over 2.5 million immigrant youth and TPS and DED holders.

### **THE DREAM AND PROMISE ACT:**

**Finally, it's a bill we can get behind:** it helps people without hurting people which is why we need to make sure it passes the House of Representatives without any anti-immigrant amendments.

**It's already got A LOT of support and it's up to us to push it over the finish line.**

Join the millions around the country as we urge Congress to pass the Dream and Promise Act NOW.

**Here's the deal:** when Trump killed the DACA, Temporary Protected Status (TPS) and Deferred Enforced Departure (DED) programs, he put over one million people in immediate danger of being deported by ICE and CBP.

The Dream and Promise Act of 2019 would create permanent protections for over 2.5 million immigrant youth, TPS holders, and DED recipients.

It sends a powerful signal to the world that immigrants should be protected - not hunted down.

**We know how Washington usually works:** great ideas get started and then get drowned out. The Dream and Promise Act got introduced with A LOT of support. But we've heard that Trump and his cronies are going to try loading it up with anti-immigrant amendments to turn this ray of hope into a vehicle for despair.

Your Voice Can Force a Change: We've got to make sure that the Dream and Promise Act passes the House of Representatives without any anti-immigrant amendments. After years of fighting Trump, this bill says clearly what we want immigration reform bills to look like: helping immigrants without hurting anyone.

[Video explainer](#)

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[Print One Pager](#)

## **4 Ways You Can Make Your Voice Heard During the Congressional Recess:**

- 1) Schedule a meeting with your Representative**
- 2) Attend a Town Hall**
- 3) Post Your Story to Social Media**
- 4) Hold a Press Conference**

# Schedule a meeting with your Member of Congress

Doing an in-district meeting at a congressional office gives us a chance to get to know our elected officials and their staff--but it also allows them to get to know us.

This recess, it's important to:

1. **Find out if your Congressperson will vote yes for the Dream and Promise Act.** We can share with you ahead of time if your representative has signed on as a cosponsor to H.R. 6.
2. **Tell them you're glad they are supporting the Dream and Promise Act OR Ask them what they need to get them to support this bill.** Take this opportunity to share your story and explain why it is urgent Congress pass the Dream and Promise Act immediately.
3. **Ask: If they are already a cosponsor, ask them what they think it will take to get their other colleagues on board.** Will they issue a joint press statement with your organization to support the bill? Will they attend an event with your organization?

The best way to make your voice heard is face to face and now you have the opportunity to do that during the Congressional recess.

**It's easy! Just follow the steps below:**

Step One: Finding Your Representative

- Use this [easy-to-use tool](#) to find your representative and the district office.

Step Two: Get Ready for the Meeting

- **Choose a time** to go and if you will have a group, pick a meeting place so you can go in together. Add your event on [VisitThem.org](#) after you call their office to schedule a meeting and confirm a time!
- **Schedule an appointment** during recess in advance (optional). If they can't give you a meeting during recess, you can walk in. The office should be open during regular business hours.
- **Have all your materials with you.** Download [these documents](#) and print some posters (see the link [here](#)) or bring stories of people who will benefit from this bill to your meeting. Download this [fact sheet](#) to leave with the congressional office.

- **Find out all about your representative.** Has your Member of Congress already co-sponsored the Dream and Promise Act? Click [here](#) to find out. If they haven't, ask them to co-sponsor the bill.
- **Register** your visit and spread the word. Use this [tool](#) to register your office visit and send the link to everyone you know to invite others to join you.

#### Step Three: Do The Meeting

- You've got your materials, you have your facts - now go do the meeting!

#### Step Four: Inspire Others

- You took the step to do this visit now you can inspire those still at home to stand up too! Take a selfie with your group, record the interaction, and post it to social media. Use #DreamAndPromiseNOW hashtag or send it to [info@unitedwedrean.org](mailto:info@unitedwedrean.org) so we can help amplify your efforts.

## Helpful tips to make your visit a success:

### **Make your visits personal**

Bring pictures of the people you're fighting for. Share your story about why you're there and what's at stake for you, your family, our community. You can also print our posters to bring with you:

### **Choose your digital lead**

Get a picture of your group at the office or a video of your group before, during, and after your visit. Read the full guide for details on how and why to document everything. Don't forget to use the #DreamAndPromiseNOW. Include a caption description of the video, the name of your group, and the names of the people in the video/picture.

### **Ask to Meet With the Member**

When you arrive, there is a chance that your Representative will be in their district office. Ask if they will meet with you. If the Representative is not available, ask for the District Director (the highest level staff member in the office).

## Attend a town hall meeting

### Why Town Halls

There is no better way to influence your representatives than in-person conversations. Town halls are where our elected representatives must listen and respond to the concerns of their constituents. Remember: you are their boss.

We believe everyone, no matter the party of their members of Congress, should have the opportunity to speak with his or her representatives.

You have more power than you think. Town halls are one of the most effective ways to use it.

## What to expect

The most powerful thing you can do is [ask a question](#) to your elected official. Your personal story is incredibly valuable. It's not always easy to speak up, but these times call for courage in all of us. You and your family's story help to humanize how laws and policies affect real people. Take the mic and tell your representative why she or he needs to vote for the Dream and Promise Act.

Here's another great tool from Indivisible: [Town Hall strategy resources](#)

## [Click here to find a Town Hall in your area](#)

Use these talking points and questions to guide you when it's your time to speak. You can prepare your question in advance. Don't forget to give this [one pager](#) to hand your Representative.

Be confident, our community has your back. Speak up, be clear, polite and professional and be sure to present yourself and remember to connect it all back to PASS THE DREAM AND PROMISE ACT.

Sample Questions:

- **[If Member of Congress has not cosponsored Dream and Promise Act]:** Hi, Representative XX. My name is XX and I'm a member of [insert organization here]. The Dream and Promise Act would protect [me/communities of immigrant youth and people with TPS and DED] from deportation. Will you support and cosponsor the Dream and Promise Act to give pathway to citizenship and protections to our immigrant communities?
- **[If Member of Congress has cosponsored Dream and Promise Act]:** Hi, Representative XX. My name is XX and I'm a member of [insert organization here]. Thank you for cosponsoring the Dream and Promise Act and supporting protection from deportation and pathway to citizenship for [me/communities of immigrant youth and people with TPS and DED]. Will you commit to supporting this protections bill and voting against any anti-immigrant amendments that could be added onto it?
- **[If Member of Congress has cosponsored Dream and Promise Act]:** Hi, Representative XX. My name is XX and I'm a member of [insert organization here]. Thank you for cosponsoring the Dream and Promise Act and

supporting protection from deportation and pathway to citizenship for [me/communities of immigrant youth and people with TPS and DED]. Will you join my organization in a press event to build support for this bill and get all House Democrats on board?

Don't forget to follow up with the staff after the Town Hall, it's important to build relationships.

## Amplify your visit on social media

### Social Media

We would love to amplify your meetings/actions on our social media accounts!

Post directly to Facebook, Twitter or/and Instagram and use #DreamAndPromiseNOW so we can help amplify. Remember to include these hashtags so that your video appears in online conversations!

- #DreamAndPromiseActNow
- #DACA #TPS #DED
- #TPSjustice
- #HereToStay
- @UnitedWeDream, @UndocuBlack, @TPS\_Alliance, @wfucoalition, @CPDAction

You can also send your photo and video to [info@unitedwedream.org](mailto:info@unitedwedream.org).

### Messaging for Video

After your visit, remember to take photos of your group AND record a short 45 seconds video about your visit using this script:

- "Today we are here at [Representatives office] because..."
- "We met with [the Representative/the Representatives staff] and they said YES/NO to support the most progressive, bold, and inclusive bill to protect ..."
- "We feel that what they said was [hopeful/not enough/etc.]..."

## OTHER THINGS YOU CAN DO TO SUPPORT THE DREAM AND PROMISE ACT:

Sign & Share Petition:

 [Sign now](#)

[Share on FB](#)

[Share on TW](#)

Watch & Share Explainer video:

 [Watch](#)

[Share on FB](#)

[Share on TW](#)

Read & Share Top 5 Things you need to know about the Dream and Promise Act

 [Read](#)

[Share on FB](#)

[Share on TW](#)

Call Your Representative & Share

 [Call: 202-883-8577](#)

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Sample script:

*“Hello, my name is \_\_\_\_\_, and I live in \_\_\_\_\_. I want Representative \_\_\_\_\_ to vote for the Dream and Promise Act to ensure immigrant youth, TPS and DED holders have permanent protections and aren’t separated from their families. We need immigration policies that help immigrants without hurting our communities. Please bring this bill for a vote immediately because time is running out for so many immigrant families. Please pass the Dream and Promise Act now! Thank you.”*

