

Dream and Promise Act of 2019 (H.R. 6)

The Dream and Promise Act of 2019, H.R. 6, establishes a roadmap to citizenship, for immigrant youth, Temporary Protected Status (TPS) holders; and Deferred Enforcement Departure (DED) recipients.

Why the Dream and Promise Act?

- **The Dream and Promise Act provides immigrant youth and people with TPS and DED protection from deportation, increases economic opportunities, higher education access, and peace of mind.**
- **The Dream and Promise Act could provide relief to upwards of 2.6 million immigrants.**
- **The Dream and Promise Act would keep families together: Immigrant youth, TPS holders, and DED recipients are part of mixed-status families and have hundreds of thousands of U.S. citizen and lawful permanent resident parents, children, and other relatives. Forced deportation of these parents and loved ones would create another massive family separation crisis. We cannot let this happen.**

What is at stake?

- **DACA recipients, TPS holders and DED beneficiaries are long-time residents who call the United States home. The average TPS holder has been here for 22 years, and the average DACA recipient came at age 6.**
- **Millions of immigrants became at risk of deportation when Trump terminated DACA, and ended the TPS and DED programs, making every undocumented person a priority for deportation.**
- **These individuals – as well as their families and communities – have had their lives thrown into limbo when President Trump made the cruel decision to strip away their legal status. DACA, TPS and DED holders have built their lives in the U.S. They have homes, businesses, schools and places of worship. They are integral parts of our communities.**

What do we need Members of Congress to do?

- **Co-Sponsor H.R. 6.** We ask that Members of Congress cosponsor H.R. 6 and encourage their colleagues and delegations to do the same.
- **Vote YES on H.R. 6.** We ask that Members of Congress vote in support of a clean H.R. 6 on the House floor.
- **Reject anti-immigrant add-ons.** We ask that Members of Congress oppose the addition of anti-immigrant immigrant and enforcement provisions in the committee markup process and final floor vote in the House of Representatives.



Yatta Kiazolu

DED Holder, Living in Los Angeles, CA



Yatta Kiazolu has been a DED holder for 22 years and is currently obtaining her PhD in US History from UCLA. She is also a member of UndocuBlack Network and African Communities Together. DED protections for Liberians such as Yatta will be terminated on March 31, 2019. She says: "The termination of DED for Liberians this month means that our community is in a state of panic. It is dehumanizing to have our freedoms stripped away from us. This is not only a Latino issue - we need Congress to create a pathway to citizenship for all of us."

Yazmin Irazoqui

DACA Recipient, Living in Albuquerque, NM



Yazmin Irazoqui Ruiz immigrated at the age of three with her mother & twin sister. She is involved in the Health Sciences Student Council, Medical Spanish initiatives, and advocacy for undocumented students in the health professions. She says: "ICE continues to pose a threat to our safety. I know some politicians believe that young people with DACA should be protected for a price. They call for more immigration enforcement which would put my mother in danger in exchange for my safety. We need the Dream & Promise Act with no anti-immigrant amendments so that our families and communities can be protected and thrive."

Daniela Meléndez

TPS Recipient, Living in Houston, TX



Daniela Meléndez was born in San Salvador, El Salvador, and migrated to the U.S. with her parents at the age of one. She grew up with TPS and is currently an art student at the University of Houston minoring in Medicine and Society. She currently operates a local hotline providing legal resources for immigrants who are detained by local police and ICE. She says: "My city has one of the highest rates of deportation, which means that my family could be separated at any given moment. This is another nationwide family separation crisis waiting to happen. We need a solution that provides us dignity without growing ICE to hunt us down and putting others in jeopardy."

Michelle Murguia

Eligible for DACA until Trump ended program; would be eligible for the Dream and Promise Act, Living in Albuquerque, NM



Michelle Murguia migrated to the U.S. from Juarez, Chihuahua, Mexico in 2010 fleeing from violence, poverty, and lack of resources. She is a recent graduate of Rio Grande High School in Albuquerque's South Valley. She is now pursuing a degree in computer engineering at Central New Mexico Community College. She says: "The Dream and Promise Act will ensure that the safety of the people I love is not traded for my protection and right to stay. We need clear solutions that help people without expanding ICE and Border Patrol."

