

Calling (or emailing) our senators is one of the most important and simple actions you can take to address the root causes of injustice for immigrants. You do not need to master the technicalities of upcoming legislation. You just need to convey your bottom line:

Ask: I urge the senator to do everything in his power to pass a path to citizenship for DACA recipients and all immigrant youth, TPS holders, farmworkers, and essential workers. **OR** I urge the senator to do everything in his power right now to pass a path to citizenship for all 11 million people who are living and working in our country, but do not have legal status. Senators Brown (202-224-2315) and Portman (202-224-3353)

Making the call above is an effective action. Thank you! If you would like more details, please continue reading.

If you'd like to be more specific in your call, here is some background and then a more specific "ask" for your calls or emails:

In March, 2021 the House of Representatives passed the American Dream and Promise Act, to create a pathway for citizenship for those who came to the U.S. as children, known as DREAMers, and for those with Temporary Protected Status (TPS). Senate passage could give up to 2.5 million people legal status and an opportunity for citizenship. However, currently passage in the Senate is not practical due to honoring the "filibuster," thus requiring the support of 60 senators.

However, even more people, at least six million, could gain a path to citizenship through the filibuster-proof budget reconciliation process (Build Back Better). On Nov. 19, 2021, the U.S. House passed Build Back Better with important protections for immigrants (making more visas and green cards accessible and granting temporary legal status for many more). However, the House Build Back Better falls short of providing a path to citizenship or even permanent protections without citizenship for DACA, TPS, farmworkers and additional essential workers. The Senate should now reinstate a path to citizenship in Build Back Better.

Please call Senators Brown (202-224-2315) and Portman (202-224-3353) and urge them to support a path to citizenship for immigrants, including DACA, TPS, farmworkers and other essential workers, through the budget reconciliation

Build Back Better bill (a lesser ask would be to substitute “path to permanent legal status” for “path to citizenship”). You can also urge them to them to co-sponsor and pass the American Dream and Promise Act and the Farmworker Modernization Act (but as noted above, currently the filibuster is an obstacle to passage of these two acts).