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## Top Business Coalition Sends Letter to Senate Leaders Urging Swift Action on Bipartisan Dream Act

Publishes Letter In Full-Page New York Times Print Ad While Organizing Virtual Fly-In With Senate & DACA Recipients

**WASHINGTON D.C.** – In a letter sent today to Senate Democratic Leader Chuck Schumer and Republican Leader Mitch McConnell, the Coalition for the American Dream, which comprises more than 100 of the nation's top businesses and trade associations representing every major sector of the economy and millions of U.S. workers, said both parties should work together to pass the bipartisan *Dream Act of 2021* (S.264) in the immediate weeks ahead.

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The Coalition also published the letter in a <u>full-page print ad</u> in the New York Times which can be viewed here. It also comes the same day that the Coalition is hosting a virtual "fly-in" where DACA recipients who work for Coalition member companies like IBM, Microsoft, Intel, Nielsen and Red Ventures are meeting with Senators and their staff to discuss this important legislation.

Sponsored by U.S. Senators Dick Durbin (D-IL) and Lindsey Graham (R-SC), the bipartisan *Dream Act*, would allow young immigrants who came to this country as children, and grew up in the United States, to earn lawful permanent residence and eventually American citizenship if they meet certain educational or military requirements, successfully pass a background check, and remain in good legal standing.

"This important legislation has our strong support and we ask that you and your colleagues consider and pass it in the immediate weeks ahead," the Coalition wrote today. "Poll after poll has shown that overwhelming majorities of Americans in both political parties support Dreamers. They are critical members of our workforce, industries, and communities, and they have abided by the laws and regulations of our country in order to qualify under the conditions set forth in the Dream Act. They are vital to our nation's strength, especially now when tens of thousands of them are currently working as essential front-line personnel fighting COVID-19."

In January, the Coalition <u>sent a letter</u> to President Biden pledging support for a permanent legislative solution for Dreamers. "DACA recipients contribute billions of dollars to the GDP; they pay federal, state, and local taxes; they work at our companies, teach our children in school, and serve in our military....We look forward to working alongside you and your Administration to swiftly pass a permanent legislative solution for Dreamers, that includes a pathway to citizenship, within your first 100 days in office," the Coalition wrote.

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