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America's Job Creators Praise Passage of House Legislation to Protect Dreamers & Economic Growth

Encourages Senate to Act Quickly on Similar Legislation, Send Bill to President for Approval

WASHINGTON D.C. – 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, today praised House passage of H.R. 6, *American Dream and Promise Act of 2021*, which would provide Dreamers the opportunity to earn lawful permanent residence and, eventually, American citizenship if they meet certain requirements.

Importantly, the legislation would also protect thousands of American businesses and local communities where Dreamers play a critical role as essential, front-line personnel fighting COVID-19. Studies by economists across the ideological spectrum have determined that if Congress fails to act, America's economy could lose \$350 billion in GDP, and the federal government could lose \$90 billion in tax revenue. Continued delay or inaction will also cause significant negative economic and social impact on businesses.

"This vote is an important step forward towards Congress finally addressing a long overdue issue that Americans in both parties overwhelmingly support," the Coalition said today. "These young people are critical members of our workforce and communities, and they deserve protection. For too long, thousands of Dreamers and the American businesses and communities where they live and work have been in limbo because of Congressional inaction. Now that the House has acted, it's our hope that the Senate will soon vote and send a bill to President Biden for his signature."

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