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Top Business Coalition Announces Endorsement of H.R. 6 to Protect & Provide a Path Forward for Dreamers

Encourages Members of Congress in Both Parties to Support The Dream And Promise Act This Week

WASHINGTON D.C. – Ahead of an expected vote in the U.S. House this week, 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 announced its strong endorsement of H.R. 6, *The Dream and Promise Act*.

Sponsored by U.S. Representative Lucille Roybal-Allard (CA-40) and coauthored by Representatives Nydia Velázquez (NY-07) and Yvette D. Clarke (NY-09), this important legislation would provide Dreamers the opportunity to earn lawful permanent residence and, eventually, American citizenship if they meet certain requirements. The Coalition also endorsed similar legislation – the *Dream Act* - introduced by U.S. Senators Dick Durbin (D-IL) and Lindsey Graham (R-SC) and recently published a <u>full-page print ad</u> in the New York Times urging Congress to act quickly to pass this important legislation.

"As Members of Congress vote on H.R. 6 this week, we encourage them to consider the critical role these young people play in our workforce, industries, and communities across the country," the Coalition said today. "They are vital to our nation's strength, especially now when tens of thousands of them are working as essential front-line personnel fighting COVID-19. Studies by economists across the ideological spectrum have also determined that if Congress fails to act in this area, our economy could lose \$350 billion in GDP, and the federal government could lose \$90 billion in tax revenue. Continued delay or inaction will cause significant negative economic and social impact on businesses and hundreds of thousands of deserving young people across the country."

"This important legislation has the strong support of thousands of businesses and millions of workers across the country and we urge Republicans and Democrats alike to vote 'yes' on *The Dream and Promise Act* this week," the Coalition concluded.

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