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United States House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative:

On behalf of our 3 million members and the 50 million students they serve, we strongly urge you to VOTE YES on the American Dream and Promise Act of 2019 (H.R. 6). Votes on this issue may be included in NEA's Report Card for the 116th Congress.

This bill would help Dreamers brought to this country as minors, Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) recipients, and people granted Temporary Protected Status (TPS) for humanitarian reasons—populations that include nearly 37,000 educators, per the Migration Policy Institute. These aspiring Americans have lived with fear and uncertainty for far too long. They deserve better. Specifically:

- We support **inclusive legislation**—encompassing Dreamers, as well as DACA and TPS recipients—and oppose reducing or limiting, in any way, the number of individuals who could benefit from this bill.
- We support the **multiple pathways to citizenship** this bill offers and oppose any efforts to restrict or impose additional burdens on immigrants.
- We support protecting the **due process rights** of every individual and oppose infringing on those rights in any way.
- We support remaining true to **America's values and history** as a nation of immigrants and oppose taking punitive or hurtful actions against immigrants.

Aspiring Americans are our friends and neighbors—one in four DACA recipients is the parent of a U.S. citizen. They are educators like Areli Zárate, a teacher in Austin, Texas who came to the United States at age eight with her family, graduated from the University of Texas, and was able to become a teacher because of DACA. We need a permanent solution for Areli and all the other Dreamers, DACA recipients, and TPS holders living with fear and uncertainty.

On behalf of America's students and educators, we strongly urge you to VOTE YES on H.R.6.

Sincerely,

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