

July 26, 2021

The Honorable Joseph R. Biden, Jr.
President of the United States
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The Honorable Kamala Harris
Vice President of the United States
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The Honorable Chuck Schumer
Majority Leader
United States Senate
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The Honorable Nancy Pelosi
Speaker of the House of Representatives
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Dear President Biden, Vice President Harris, Majority Leader Schumer, and Speaker Pelosi:

We, the undersigned mayors, respectfully request that you prioritize the inclusion of a pathway to citizenship for Dreamers, Temporary Protected Status (TPS) holders, essential workers, and their families in any economic recovery legislation including through budget reconciliation.

Today, there are an estimated [5 million undocumented immigrants](#) working in construction, agriculture, food services and production, transportation, healthcare, and other essential industries who have risked their lives and the lives of their families to keep our nation running during one of the most challenging periods in modern history.

As our state and local communities continue to confront a public health and economic catastrophe that has claimed more than 500,000 lives and exacerbated deep racial and economic inequities, it is vital that Congress enact protections for Dreamers, TPS holders, and essential immigrant workers to secure the health of our nation and to lay the foundation for an equitable economic recovery for all communities across the country.

Providing a path to citizenship for these individuals and their families not only recognizes the sacrifices they have made for all Americans over the past year, but also the important role they continue to play in America's economic recovery and long-term global competitiveness.

It's time for Congress to act. The only way we can truly Build Back Better is to ensure that Dreamers, TPS holders, and essential workers are included in any economic recovery legislation including through budget reconciliation.

Sincerely,

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