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U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

VIA EMAIL

Dear Representative:

I write on behalf of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' (USCCB) Committee on Migration (USCCB/COM) to express our support for H.R. 6, the "American Dream and Promise Act of 2021", and H.R. 1537, the "Farm Workforce Modernization Act of 2021", bipartisan bills that the U.S. House of Representatives is scheduled to take up later this week. As you know, the House passed versions of these two measures on a bipartisan basis during the 116th Congress. We urge you to support them again when they are brought back before the House.

Together, the American Dream and Promise Act and the Farm Workforce Modernization Act would establish a path to citizenship for more than three million immigrant youth, Temporary Protected Status (TPS) holders, and Deferred Enforced Departure (DED) holders, many of whom have lived in and served communities across the U.S. for many years.

The Catholic Church believes in protecting the dignity of every human being, regardless of immigration status. My brother bishops and I have long supported immigration reform efforts to allow those who are contributors to our economy, academic standouts in our universities, and leaders in our parishes to come forward and fully integrate into American life. It is both our moral duty and in our nation's best interest to recognize the contributions of so many hardworking immigrants and allow them to reach their God-given potential.

For these reasons, we ask that the House pass the American Dream and Promise Act and the Farm Workforce Modernization Act. We also urge Congress to continue to work toward a larger, more comprehensive legislative reform of our immigration laws, which our country so desperately needs. As always, the USCCB stands ready to work with Congress to reform our immigration system in a humane, just, and reasonable manner.

Sincerely,

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