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United States House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Representative:

On behalf of the 500,000 men and women of the Laborers’ International Union of North America (LIUNA), a Union built by and for immigrants, I write to strongly endorse legislation to protect recipients of the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA), known as Dreamers, as well as those covered by the Temporary Protected Status (TPS) program. H.R. 6, the Dream and Promise Act, would allow these valued members of our Union to remain in our country by protecting them from deportation permanently and giving them a path to citizenship.

H.R. 6 would allow Dreamers, immigrants who have lived in the United States since childhood, to remain here. Dreamers have spent their lives contributing to this country, and are as American as those born here, except for an immigration status beyond their control. These young immigrants deserve the chance to obtain lawful permanence and eventual citizenship.

H.R. 6 would also protect workers from all TPS designated nations whose status was terminated. It will also protect the families of TPS holders, including over 200,000 U.S. citizen children. The Bill will give a path to legal permanent resident status and eventual naturalization to TPS holders. TPS holders play a significant role in the construction industry; approximately thirty percent (30%) of TPS recipients work in construction. At a time when infrastructure and Building Back Better is even more important than ever, we must keep TPS holders in our country.

Hundreds of thousands of union members have lived and worked in our country for years under DACA and TPS, paying taxes while supporting their families. These workers build America every day, and, at the same time, build the U.S. economy.

LIUNA believes that the best path to help immigrant workers and their families is by passing comprehensive immigration reform (CIR) legislation like that proposed by President Biden. While we wait for Congress to address CIR, H.R. 6 is needed to protect our union members and their families. LIUNA asks that you vote yes on this important legislation when it comes to the floor of the U.S. House for a vote.

With kind regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

TERRY O’SULLIVAN
General President

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