



March 18, 2021

U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

RE: Vote YES on H.R. 6, the American Dream and Promise Act of 2021

Dear Representative,

The League of Conservation Voters (LCV) works to turn environmental values into national priorities. Each year, LCV publishes the National Environmental Scorecard, which details the voting records of members of Congress on environmental legislation. The Scorecard is the nationally accepted yardstick used to rate members of Congress on environmental, environmental and racial justice, public health, democracy, worker protection, public lands, wildlife conservation, and energy issues and is distributed to LCV members, concerned voters, and the media.

We write in support of H.R. 6, the American Dream and Promise Act of 2021, which would provide permanent protections for Dreamers, Temporary Protected Status (TPS), and Deferred Enforced Departure (DED) holders who are currently living in uncertainty about their legal status. Many Dreamers and TPS and DED holders are essential workers on the frontlines of fighting the COVID-19 pandemic, and especially now, they deserve permanent protections.

Dreamers are integral members of our communities and make invaluable contributions to our society – including as LCV staff, members and volunteers. Yet communities of color and immigrant communities face a higher rate of harm from exposure to toxic pollution, are often hit first and worst by climate change's impacts, and far too often are not able to participate equitably in our democracy. Many of the individuals who have qualified for TPS have come to the U.S. in the wake of natural disasters that have devastated their homelands, including earthquakes and hurricanes, and because of wars over diminishing natural resources, much of which is being driven by the growing climate crisis. We believe that Dreamers, TPS, and DED holders' contributions to our society should be honored; they deserve to have the safety, stability, and legal means to fully participate in our democracy.

LCV urges you to support H.R. 6 and oppose the Motion to Recommit and will consider including votes on this important legislation in the 2021 Scorecard, as we did in 2019. If you need more information, please contact a member of our government affairs team.

Sincerely,

Gene Karpinski
President