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Support the Passage of the DREAM Act

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Dear Colleague:

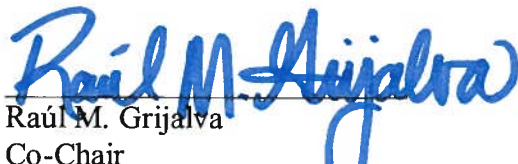
This week, the House will consider the DREAM Act, a bill that would help young immigrants who were brought to the U.S. as children—immigrants who were raised here, worked hard in school, and then pursued higher education or service in the military—to achieve the American Dream. We strongly urge you to vote **YES** on the DREAM Act.


The DREAM Act is a smart, targeted, and modest proposal. Under the terms of the bill, only those who are currently present in the U.S., were brought here before they turned 16 years old, graduated from a U.S. high school, lived in the U.S. for five years and who have taken steps to earn legal status by attending college or serving in the armed forces would qualify.

Allowing these students the opportunity to flourish not only benefits them, but also enhances America's rich, vibrant, and diverse culture. The DREAM Act would go a long way to enhance educational opportunities for deserving students, level the playing field for all children, and bolster America's role as a leader in the competitive global economy.

The bill is entirely consistent with Progressive Caucus principles and deserves our full and unequivocal support. Extending these young people the opportunities they deserve, and have earned with their hard work and dedication, is the right thing to do and will benefit our entire nation. The Progressive Caucus should be proud to take the lead on this farsighted initiative, and we urge your support.

Sincerely,


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