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U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Representative:

Dreamers and Temporary Protected Status participants have become an integral part of our society and our workforce. They have the potential to offer so much more to our country if they can continue their pursuit of the American Dream. But inconsistent administrative actions and unpredictable court decisions have forced these human beings to live under a cloud of uncertainty for far too long. Now is the time to bring them out of the shadows.

That is why the National Association of Manufacturers urges you to support H.R. 6, the American Dream and Promise Act, introduced by Congresswoman Lucille Roybal-Allard (D-CA) with House Speaker Nancy Pelosi (D-CA), Congresswomen Nydia Velázquez (D-NY) and Yvette D. Clarke (D-NY).

Legislation is the best way to provide certainty for these people, and manufacturers support the long-term solution which H.R. 6 provides by including a pathway to permanent status, and eventually citizenship, for eligible Dreamers and TPS recipients. Their talents, hard work, desire for education and if serving, a willingness to wear the uniform of the armed forces are recognized by H.R. 6.

In addition to supporting solutions for Dreamers and TPS recipients, manufacturers believe that Congress must also act to overhaul and update our immigration system in full. Our workplaces reach their fullest potential and our communities and country are strongest when our nation's immigration policy is clear and compassionate, and addresses economic, workforce and security needs. But today, our immigration system is failing to achieve those goals.

Manufacturers want to be part of the solution. Our plan, "[A Way Forward](#)," is a reasoned and practical proposal designed to address the challenges created by our current system and to fix those issues once and for all.

If we act, we have given those who deserve it a chance to be a productive and contributing part of our country. And we will have upheld the values that make this nation of immigrants exceptional: free enterprise, competitiveness, individual liberty and equal opportunity.

Manufacturers will stand by congressional efforts that improve our immigration system, including H.R. 6. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



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