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**TEXAS OPPORTUNITY COALITION'S STATEMENT ON DREAM AND PROMISE
ACT OF 2021**

*Business-led coalition will work to build bipartisan support for Dream Act among
Texas congressional delegation*

AUSTIN, TX - Today, the [Texas Opportunity Coalition](#) issued the following statement in response to the introduction of the Dream and Promise Act of 2021, by Representatives Lucille Roybal-Allard (D-CA), Nydia Velazquez (D-NY), and Yvette Clarke (D-NY). This legislation would provide a 10-year path to earn lawful permanent status for undocumented immigrants who qualify for protected status under the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program.

"A bipartisan bill like Dream and Promise is what our country and Texas need to get our economy back on track in the midst of this global pandemic. Not only is it the right economic thing to do, but it will finally end the prolonged uncertainty that the 213,000 Dreamers who call Texas home are living under. We urge Congress to quickly pass this legislation, and encourage our Texas delegation to take a leadership role in protecting Dreamers.

These are young people who were brought to America as children, followed our laws, and now are contributing to their communities as entrepreneurs, employees, homeowners, and essential workers. Their ongoing legal limbo has created costly and counterproductive issues for employers who hired them, the businesses they started, the universities they attend, and the communities they serve.

Like Texas itself, our country will not be able to achieve economic growth without the talents of Dreamers. Dreamers are exactly the kind of workers that we need to remain competitive, especially in the wake of the devastating global pandemic. Already Texas Dreamers are making significant economic contributions here, paying nearly a billion dollars in local, state, and federal taxes and adding \$6 billion to the state's GDP every year. Providing Dreamers a path to permanent legal status is the smart thing to do."

About the Texas Opportunity Coalition

The Texas Opportunity Coalition is dedicated to securing passage of a federal DREAM Act, which would provide Dreamers in Texas and across the country the right to work, pursue higher education, contribute to their local economies, and obtain lawful status. The coalition includes

almost 90 representatives from statewide business associations, Texas corporations, local chambers of commerce, and Texas universities and colleges whose efforts are structured around five core principles that should inform any legislative effort to enact immigration reform. These principles can be viewed at <http://txopportunity.org/policy>.