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Honorable Lucille Roybal-Allard
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RE: H.R. 6 (Roybal-Allard): The Dream and Promise Act- SUPPORT

Dear Congresswomen Roybal-Allard,

On behalf of the Santa Barbara Women's Political Committee (SBWPC), I am writing to express support for H.R. 6 The Dream and Promise Act. SBWPC's mission is dedicated to furthering gender equality and other feminist values through political and social action and educational activities. Our organization is one of the largest women's political committees in Santa Barbara County with approximately 300 members. We advocate for a diverse set of positions which include safety for all, including those with immigrant status <https://sbwpc.org/positions/>.

H.R. 6 grants U.S.- raised immigrants known as Dreamers conditional permanent resident status for 10 years, with Permanent Resident status granted when all the specific provisions specified in the bill are met. SBWPC is aware that while existing law has made it nearly impossible for Dreamers to feel safe, H.R. 6 would significantly reduce this ongoing and detrimental fear and uncertainty by granting temporary status. We support the provisions in the bill which would allow Dreamers access to federal financial aid for education and also to continue to work via work permits.

Security is a fundamental right that everyone should have. We believe that immigrants are an integral part of our society. Fair and reasonable legislation addressing immigration and immigrants has been sorely lacking for too long. We support H.R. 6, which would allow Dreamers the security of knowing that they are not at risk of being deported at any moment. We believe that there are long term positive benefits in providing Dreamers a path to citizenship, as the overwhelming majority already contribute positively to society by working, paying taxes, helping to support their families, and contributing to the economy, despite current immigration law. To provide a clear opportunity to remain in the U.S., as H.R. 6 would do, benefits not only Dreamers and their families and but also their communities at large.

The Santa Barbara Women's Political Committee regards H.R. 6 as an important step forward in providing protection and security for Dreamers. **Therefore, SBWPC wishes to sign on as a supporter of H.R. 6.**

Thank you for reviewing our organization's position on this issue. Should you wish to communicate further with us, please email us at info@sbwpc.org or visit our website: www.sbwpc.org

Sincerely,

Luz Reyes-Martin
President SBWPC

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