Family Separation and Immigration Update

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We will be discussing:

- Upcoming Immigration Votes on DACA
- The Administration’s Family Separation Policy

We will be taking and answering questions throughout the presentation!
State of Play for DACA Recipients

Program is terminated but recipients keep their protections until they expire. Two national injunctions are keeping DACA in place, uncertainty of courts illustrates urgency of legislative solution.

- Currently no legislative protections in place for current DACA recipients.
- DACA recipients are now tied up in several court cases.
- More than 20,000 DACA recipients have lost their DACA status and work permits.
- Senate failed to pass a solution, House is set to vote on two bills this week that fail to provide a just solution.
Republican Politics on DACA in House

Moderate House Republicans vs. Freedom Caucus

- Moderates: Fight for a bipartisan DACA immigration vote using threat of Discharge petition. FAILS.
- Speaker Ryan will put two immigration bills on floor for vote this week.
  - Politics Wins: Both bills are BAD.
  - Use Desperation of DACA to harm immigrant communities.
Two Bills: Anti-Family, Anti-Immigrant, Enforcement Focused

- “Goodlatte Bill”: Securing America’s Future Act
  - No pathway for Dreamers
  - Wall funding at 25 Billion
  - Criminalizes all noncitizens
  - Significantly cuts family visas

- “Ryan Bill”: Border Security and Immigration Reform Act
  - Complicated point-based system for Dreamers
  - Wall funding
  - Significant changes to asylum system; ends TVPRA
  - Significantly cuts family visas

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We urge Members **to reject both the Goodlatte bill and Ryan bill.** They both fundamentally change our immigration system, especially family sponsorship and access to asylum.

Any solution for Dreamers must be a bipartisan bill which includes a pathway to citizenship without compromising the safety and security of our other immigrant sisters and brothers.
Family Separation

Why Now?

- U.S. Attorney General's recent decision on asylum in the Matter of A-B.
- New "Zero Tolerance" policy, at the U.S-Mexico border.
- New Memorandum of Understanding between the Office of Refugee Resettlement (ORR), Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), and Customs and Border Protection (CBP)

Three Action are a dramatic change from past practice and is likely to have severe unintended consequences in terms of increased costs, lost contact with children, and risk for abuse or trafficking.
Asks

- Keep up the moral outrage, in the media and by calling members in district.
- Write Letters to the Editors and Op-eds.
- Ask Members of Congress to support bills like the Keep Families Together Act (S. 3036) which mandate an end to family separation.
- Tell Congress #FAMILIESBELONGTOGETHER
Questions?

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Thank you!

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