

# Family Separation and Immigration Update

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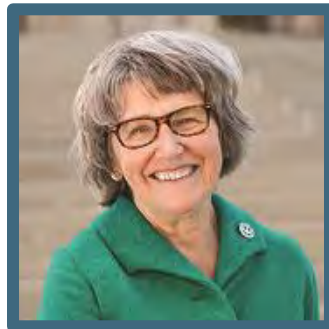
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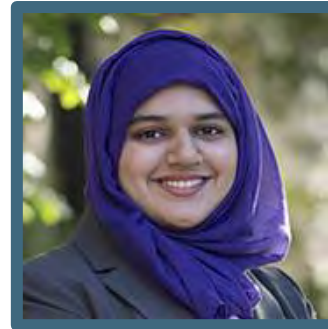
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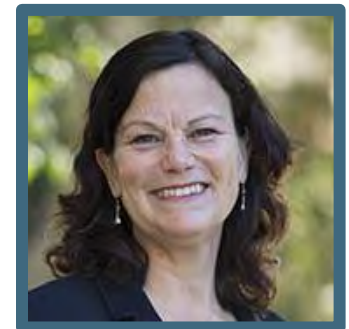
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# Overview

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.
- ☀ Freedom Caucus & Leadership: NO “immigrant friendly” immigration bill. Election Politics.
- ☀ 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**



# Asks

- ☀️ 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



# Impact of Policies



# 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?

*You will be unmuted during this time so that you can ask questions. Please be sure to say your name!*



# Thank you!

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