

The Honorable Kevin McCarthy
2421 Rayburn House Office Building
United States House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

July 9, 2013

Dear Representative McCarthy:

The undersigned California organizations, representing a wide variety of business, labor, faith and immigrant communities from across the state, are urging you to communicate a very simple message to your colleagues at the July 10 meeting of the Republican Conference: Californians deserve a vote on citizenship.

On June 27, 2013, Americans saw proof that it's still possible for bipartisanship to overcome political gridlock when 68 U.S. Senators, both Republicans and Democrats, voted overwhelmingly to reform our broken immigration system with a pathway to citizenship for immigrant families. The Senate recognized that fixing our immigration system is more than a moral imperative; the enactment of immigration reform in the short and long term is good for our economy, and would reduce the national debt. The independent Congressional Budget Office (CBO) released its score estimating that fixing our broken immigration system will reduce federal deficits by about \$200 billion over the next 10 years, and about \$700 billion in the second decade. The CBO also found that commonsense immigration reform will increase real GDP by 3.3% in 2023, and 5.4% in 2033. Lastly, the CBO indicates that S.744 would reduce undocumented immigration by 33-50%.

California is one of the most diverse states in the country and represents the growth and vibrancy that our nation was founded on. In the last 20 years, 9 out of 10 voters who have registered to vote have been Latino or Asian. A new Field Poll conducted in February shows that an extraordinary 90 percent of California voters now favor letting undocumented immigrants who have lived here for a number of years stay and become citizens if they have a job, learn English and pay back taxes. All Californians rely on their Congress members to represent them responsibly. This foremost includes tackling the most difficult challenges facing our nation, like reforming our immigration laws.

Californians are known for hard work, ingenuity and pragmatism. We tackle problems head on. As a party leader, we expect you to take these California values to your Conference meeting on July 10 and urge your colleagues to take a vote on the pathway to citizenship in the House of Representatives this summer. 11 million workers, small business owners, along with their family and colleagues are counting on your leadership.

Sincerely,

ACLU of California

All City Employee Association, Local 3090 AFSCME
American GI Forum of Kern County
Antelope Valley Dream Team
Anti-Defamation League
Bend the Arc: A Jewish Partnership for Justice
California Faculty Association, Bakersfield Chapter
California Fair Share
California Immigrant Policy Center
California Labor Federation, AFL-CIO
California Schools Employees Association, Chapter 500
California Schools Employees Association, Local 477
Campaign for Community Change
CASA UNEI
Central American Resource Center (CARECEN Los Angeles)
Central CA Chapter - Coalition of Labor Union Women
Cesar E. Chavez Commemorative Committee/San Fernando Valley
CHIRLA Action Fund
CLEAN Carwash Campaign
Clergy and Laity United for Economic Justice (CLUE-LA)
Clergy and Laity United for Economic Justice Orange County (CLUE-OC)
Colombo Americans in Action (CACIA)
Concerned Citizens for Representative Government
Congregations Building Communities Modesto
Council of Mexican Federations in North America (COFEM)
Courage Campaign
Day Labor Center - Hayward/Oakland/Tri-Valley
Episcopal Diocese of California Migration and Immigration Task Force
Filipino Migrant Center
Fresno Interdenominational Refugee Ministries(FIRM, Inc.)
Gamaliel of California
Grayson-Westley Family Resource Center
Hermandad Mexicana Transnacional
Human Agenda
IDEAS at UCLA
Inglewood Federation of Teachers
Interfaith Coalition for Immigrant Rights (CLUE-CA)
Interfaith Committee For Worker Justice
Interfaith Communities United for Justice and Peace
Korean Resource Center
Koreatown Immigrant Workers Alliance (KIWA)
La Red de Pastores
Latino Voter Registration and Education Project
Libreria Del Pueblo, Inc.

Living Wage Coalition of Sonoma County/Jobs with Justice Organizing Committee
Los Angeles Alliance for New Economy (LAANE)
Los Angeles County Federation of Labor, AFL-CIO
Mi Familia Vota
Michael Chavez Center for Economic Opportunity
Miguel Contreras Foundation
Mobilize the Immigrant Vote Action Fund
Mujeres Unidas y Activas
NaLEC: National Latino Evangelical Coalition
National Council of Jewish Women California
National Council of Jewish Women California
National Farm Worker Ministry
National Immigration Law Center
National Korean American Service & Education Consortium
National Pursuit of Dreams
North Bay Organizing Project
North Valley Labor Federation
Orange County Interfaith Committee to Aid Farm Workers
Organized for Action
Our Lady Queen of Angels catholic church
Pasadena Presbyterian Church
People Improving Communities through Organizing (PICO-CA)
People of Faith United for Worker Justice
Professional Musicians Local 47
Quality Fence Co
Roofers & Waterproofers Local 36
SEIU 1021
SEIU 721
SEIU CA
SEIU Local 521
SEIU Local 721
SEIU Local 99
SEIU UHW
SEIU ULTCW
SEIU USWW
SEIU1021
SEIU-ULTCW
Services, Immigrant Rights and Education Network (SIREN)
Silicon Valley Alliance for immigration Reform
UFCW Local 770
United Farm Workers (UFW)
USW Local 675

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