



March 16, 2021

The Honorable Nancy Pelosi  
Speaker  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Kevin McCarthy  
Minority Leader  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Speaker Pelosi and Leader McCarthy:

I write to express the National Retail Federation's support for H.R. 6, the American Dream and Promise Act of 2021. NRF has long supported efforts to provide a permanent solution for Deferred Action on Childhood Arrivals (DACA) recipients, given their role in improving our communities and economy. **Please note that NRF will consider votes for and co-sponsorship of H.R. 6 and related amendments as part of the Retail Opportunity Index for our voting scorecard.**

NRF, the world's largest retail trade association, passionately advocates for the people, brands, policies and ideas that help retail thrive. From its headquarters in Washington, D.C., NRF empowers the industry that powers the economy. Retail is the nation's largest private-sector employer, contributing \$3.9 trillion to annual GDP and supporting one in four U.S. jobs — 52 million working Americans. For over a century, NRF has been a voice for every retailer and every retail job, educating, inspiring and communicating the powerful impact retail has on local communities and global economies.

The Dream and Promise Act would provide a path to citizenship for immigrants who were brought to the country as minors and meet certain educational or military requirements, successfully pass a background check and remain in good legal standing. It further extends a path to citizenship to "legal dreamers," foreign-born children of temporary workers.

The young men and women whose status would be adjusted by this legislation are law-abiding, tax-paying Americans who have never known adult life anywhere else besides the United States. They have contributed to our society, businesses and economy. Many have worked tirelessly throughout the COVID-19 pandemic: An estimated 1 million Dreamers are working on the front lines as essential workers in health care and other fields. For retailers, having stable and reliable employees is critical to continue providing consumers the goods and services they need during the pandemic. NRF members believe that now is the time to provide Dreamers with a pathway to lawful permanent residence and ultimately American citizenship.

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Legislative action on this issue is long overdue. Passage of this legislation would provide certainty and stability to millions of Dreamers and the economy they support. NRF strongly urges Congress to vote “Yea” on H.R. 6.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David French". The signature is stylized with a large, sweeping initial "D" and a cursive "F".

David French  
Senior Vice President  
Government Relations

cc: Members of U.S. House of Representatives