

## Tell the Senate to Pass the DREAM Act!

Yesterday, the U.S. House of Representatives passed the Development, Relief and Education for Alien Minors (DREAM) Act by a bipartisan 216 to 198 vote. As a result, the Nation is closer to benefitting from the contributions of thousands of immigrant youth to our country's economic and civic life.

The DREAM Act is supported by a broad coalition that includes the military, business, labor, faith-based and civic groups and will reduce deficits by about **\$2.2 billion** while increasing revenues by **\$1.7 billion** over the 2011-2020 period according to the Congressional Budget Office (CBO) and the Joint Committee on Taxation (JCT).

After this historic victory in the House, it is now time to shift our efforts to ensure that the U.S. Senate rises to the same level of responsibility of the lower chamber and makes the DREAM Act a reality. The U.S. Senate is expected to vote on the legislation early next week. The passage of the DREAM Act requires at least 60 votes, we need your help in encouraging Senators to vote for cloture of the DREAM Act.

### **TAKE ACTION NOW!**

As a Latino elected official or community leader, you can play a crucial role in advocating for the passage of the DREAM Act. You can educate your constituents and stakeholders about the importance of passing this legislation and encourage them to contact their Senators to urge them to vote for the DREAM Act. You and your constituents can call the U.S. Capitol Switchboard at 202-224-3121 to be connected to your Senators' Office.

The NALEO Educational Fund has prepared talking points for your outreach efforts: ([Click here](#)). We are also providing you with a description of some of the more common "myths" about the DREAM Act and factual responses to them. ([Click here for English](#)) ([Click here for Spanish](#))

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