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### Dreamers and Asylum Seekers Need Our Support

“Thanks to legislation in California, more than a quarter of a million undocumented youth who were brought to the U.S. as children have access to health care and financial aid for college, helping them build lives in that state. **A federal judge is about to render a decision that could end Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA)**, disrupting these Dreamers’ lives.” (Courage Campaign, February 23, 2023)

Across the country, millions of undocumented immigrants who were brought to the U.S. as children have faced years of uncertainty. DREAMers want to work, study, and contribute to building our great nation. And, while 600,000 DREAMers are temporarily protected by the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program, the Supreme Court is considering cases that could end DACA at a moment's notice. If the Supreme Court kills DACA, millions of American families face brutal family separations and deportations. DREAMers deserve a path to citizenship so that they can keep contributing to building our great nation.

The **bipartisan DREAM Act of 2023 (S. 365)** recently re-introduced in the Senate would give almost 2 million undocumented immigrants brought to the U.S. as children a path to U.S. citizenship.

Year after year, polling shows a majority of Americans supporting the DREAM Act. Congress must hear that the American people have not forgotten DREAMers. [Tell your members of Congress to pass the bipartisan DREAM Act of 2023.](#) (Excerpted from Progressive Reform Network, February 22, 2023)

“Earlier this month, the Biden administration announced new border enforcement measures that are two-fold: they include a new pathway for Cubans, Haitians, and Nicaraguans to enter the United States if they have U.S.-based sponsors and have the resources to fly to the U.S. **This new program of temporary admission, called “parole,” will offer some people the opportunity to enter the U.S. legally.**

But, at the same time, the administration **also announced an expansion of Title 42**, a policy that allows for the rapid expulsion of individuals back to those same countries without the opportunity to apply for asylum. This means that Cubans, Haitians, and Nicaraguans attempting to seek asylum at the U.S.-Mexico border **will now be turned away if they did not go through the parole program first.**

While we applaud the Biden administration’s decision to offer new ways for people to come lawfully to the United States, we are concerned about it being paired with enforcement measures that cut off asylum access at the border for thousands of migrants fleeing violence and disaster who do not have the economic means to qualify for the new parole program....

As a nation of immigrants, we must expand safe, legal pathways to the U.S. while maintaining order at our Southern border.... **The right to seek asylum is a fundamental human right** and we have a moral obligation to establish a system that treats all migrants in a safe and humane way. [Send a direct message to your members of Congress, urging them to cancel the asylum bans.](#) (Dominique Espinoza, Coalition on Human Needs, January 22, 2023)