
Support the DREAM Act Today!

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The DREAM Act (S. 2205) will be up for a vote tomorrow, Wednesday October 24th, in the Senate. If you support this legislation, it is imperative that you call, fax or send an e-mail to both of your Senators today. Please tell them to vote in support of the DREAM Act, which is not only humane legislation but also makes economic sense. This legislation will allow immigrant students, brought here by their parents as infants or young children, to realize their full (educational) potential in the U.S. For you Senator's telephone numbers or e-mail, you can call the Senate switchboard at: 202-224-3121 or go to the Senate website: http://www.senate.gov/general/contact_information/senators_cfm.cfm You can also send an e-mail message to your Senators through the following site: US Congress

While we recognize that the DREAM Act has been up for debate and close to a vote many times, this time is the first time that it will be voted on in the Senate floor without debate or amendments. This is the result of Senators Richard Durbin (D-IL), Chuck Hagel (R-NE) and Richard Lugar (R-IN) who quietly re-introduced the DREAM Act as a new stand-alone bill (S. 2205) last week. Tomorrow, Wednesday, October 24th there will be a "cloture" vote on whether the DREAM Act can be debated and ultimately voted on. To pass, this legislation needs 60 votes. If this legislation fails to win those 60 votes, then the legislation will die for this Congress. This legislation S. 2205 is similar to S. 774, the version of the DREAM Act that was introduced by Senators Durbin, Hagel, and Lugar earlier this year. Like the earlier version, S. 2205 would provide a six-year path to legal permanent residence and eventual citizenship for immigrants who were brought to the U.S. more than five (5) years ago as undocumented children if they graduate from high school and continue on to college or military service. Those children or immigrants must be under 30 years of age, and must show they have graduated from high school, or have remained in school. All must show that they have stayed out of trouble.