



January 25, 2022

The Honorable Kyrsten Sinema
United States Senate
317 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Mark Kelly
United States Senate
516 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Sinema and Senator Kelly,

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On behalf of the United States Hispanic Chamber of Commerce (USHCC), our Board of Directors, and our community leaders in Arizona, we write to urge you to champion transformational immigration reform for Dreamers, Temporary Protected Status (TPS) holders, farmworkers, and essential workers. This action is urgently needed to address the acute labor shortage across the state, it is morally right, and politically smart.

The USHCC actively promotes the economic growth, development, and interests of more than five million Hispanic-owned businesses that, combined, contribute over \$800 billion to the American economy every year. We also serve as a platform for our nationwide network of over 260 local Hispanic chambers of commerce. Arizona is home to one of the most successful state-wide Hispanic chambers in the country, the Arizona Hispanic Chamber of Commerce is a thought leader across many sectors and policy matters.

It is no secret that the Hispanic community is on the rise; the 2020 Census data shows that Hispanic growth composed more than half of the total U.S. population growth in the last ten years and our purchasing power is growing 70% faster than that of non-Latinos. Furthermore, Latino/a entrepreneurs accounted for nearly 80% of all net new businesses created during the last decade. We represent every major sector of the economy and believe that Dreamers, Temporary Protected Status (TPS) holders, farmworkers, essential workers, and other immigrants are vital for our nation's economic recovery and growth after the COVID-19 pandemic.

We recognize that immigration reform is an economic imperative. Passing common sense reforms, including work authorization, deportation protections, and ultimately a path to citizenship, for people already making vital contributions to our economy will grow our Gross Domestic Product (GDP), accelerate job growth, and raise the wage floor for all Americans.

Thank you for your service and partnership in supporting America's Hispanic and minority-owned businesses, the more than two million Latinos/as living in Arizona, and the more than 63.5 million Latinos/as living in America. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to C. LeRoy Cavazos-Reyna, Vice President of Government and International Affairs via phone at 956-844-9628 or email at LCavazos@ushcc.com. We look forward to a positive outcome on this important legislative matter.

Respectfully,

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