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Bexar County Commissioners Court approves resolution supporting DREAM Act

This morning, Bexar County Commissioners Court approved a resolution supporting passage of the DREAM Act as it was recently introduced.

The DREAM Act, as it was introduced in 2001, was meant to provide undocumented youth a pathway to citizenship. For the last 15 years, Congress has failed to pass legislation that would provide a conditional pathway to permanent lawful status for undocumented young people who were brought to the United States as children.

“These children are American citizens in every way except for the paperwork. We owe it to them to provide them an opportunity to become permanent citizens,” stated County Commissioner Paul Elizondo, Precinct 2. “This needs to happen immediately.”

Just recently, United States Senators Dick Durbin and Lindsey Graham introduced the DREAM Act, which would provide a pathway to permanent legal status to those who are longtime residents who came to the United States as children; graduate from high school or obtain a GED; pursue higher education, work lawfully for at least three years, or serve in the military; pass necessary security and background checks; and, have not committed a felony or other serious crimes and do not pose a threat to our country.

“We are asking Congress to pass the bill as it was introduced. This should not be viewed as an opportunity to attach controversial appropriation amendments such as the border wall,” stated County Judge Nelson Wolff.

A copy of the resolution is attached to this release.

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