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# The American Dream and Promise Act of 2019

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The American Dream and Promise Act of 2019, or H.R. 6, would put 2.5 million Dreamers and immigrants eligible for Temporary Protected Status (TPS) or Deferred Enforced Departure (DED) on a pathway to citizenship.<sup>1</sup> Individuals who are eligible for protection under the bill have lived in the United States for much of their lives; the average Dreamer came to the United States at the age of 8, while the average TPS- or DED-eligible person arrived in 1997.<sup>2</sup> Without permanent protections such as those in H.R. 6, these immigrants' and their families' futures in the United States—as well as the fiscal and economic contributions they make—are at risk.



## Immigrants eligible for protection under H.R. 6 are part of California's social fabric

- California is home to 628,700 immigrants who are eligible for protection under the Dream and Promise Act.
- These individuals live with 1,575,600 family members; among those family members, 276,200 are U.S.-born citizen children.
- Dreamers in California who are eligible for protection under the bill arrived in the United States at the average age of 8.
- TPS- and DED-eligible immigrants in California who would be eligible for protection under H.R. 6 have on average lived in the United States since 1994.

## California's economy benefits from immigrants eligible for protection under H.R. 6

- Immigrants eligible for the Dream and Promise Act own 34,600 homes in California and pay \$524,500,000 in annual mortgage payments.
- Eligible immigrants and their households contribute \$4,398,200,000 in federal taxes and \$2,380,700,000 in state and local taxes each year.<sup>3</sup>
- Annually, these households generate \$19,177,600,000 in spending power.<sup>4</sup>

## Largest H.R. 6-eligible communities

1. Los Angeles	112,900
2. Suburban LA County	109,400
3. Orange County	59,100
4. San Diego County	38,100
5. Riverside County	32,400
6. San Bernardino County	30,600
7. Santa Clara County	26,700
8. Alameda County	21,700
9. Fresno County	16,500
10. Kern County	16,500

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