

February 9, 2021

The Honorable Grace Meng
U.S. House of Representatives
2206 Rayburn Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Ed Markey
U.S. Senate
255 Dirksen Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Representative Meng and Senator Markey,

On behalf of the National Partnership for New Americans and the 77 undersigned organizations, we write to express our support for your legislation titled the New Deal for New Americans Act. At a moment when the federal government is turning to a new chapter in its approach to immigration policy, this legislation offers practical and proactive measures that would bolster the inclusion of newcomers into American society in a manner that benefits and uplifts everyone. Our organizations and the communities we represent commend your leadership in introducing this legislation and look forward to partnering with you to advance and implement these important policies.

The New Deal for New Americans Act would make America a more inclusive land by expanding access to citizenship, funding workforce development and English-language learning programs, improving access to justice and due process through immigration legal services, and increasing the number of refugees the U.S. resettles while rebuilding the capacity and infrastructure of local communities to welcome refugees. The bill would also help to build a lasting infrastructure for federal inclusion efforts by establishing a National Office of New Americans to coordinate immigration policymaking among federal agencies and lead nationwide integration efforts already under way in dozens of state and local governments.

Over the course of the last several decades, the immigrant population in the U.S. has grown significantly, and America is now home to far more immigrants than any other nation. Today, more than 44 million newcomers contribute daily to the prosperity and diversity of our land. Federal efforts to bolster the inclusion of immigrant communities, like those put forth in the New Deal for New Americans Act, help to strengthen our economy, make our local communities more vibrant and resilient, and ensure that everyone has a chance to thrive and pursue the American Dream. As Congress debates broader changes to American immigration laws, the New Deal for New Americans Act would also help to ensure equitable access to immigration benefits.

As we close a difficult and traumatic chapter in our nation's treatment of immigrants and refugees, the New Deal for New Americans Act represents a bold vision of America that is both

new and timeless: one in which immigrants and refugees are embraced rather than alienated, empowered rather than stifled, and championed rather than maligned. We applaud your leadership in introducing this important and timely legislation.

Sincerely,

National Partnership for New Americans

Member organizations of the National Partnership for New Americans endorsing:

Alabama Coalition for Immigrant Justice

Arkansas United

CASA

Causa Oregon

Coalition for Humane Immigrant Rights (CHIRLA)

Colorado Immigrant Rights Coalition

Comunidades Unidas

El Centro de Igualdad y Derechos

Florida Immigrant Coalition

Global Cleveland

Hispanic Interest Coalition of Alabama

Junta for Progressive Action

Latin American Coalition

Maine People's Alliance

Make the Road

Massachusetts Immigrant & Refugee Advocacy Coalition

Michigan United

National Korean American Service & Education Consortium

Nebraska Appleseed

OneAmerica

Pennsylvania Immigration and Citizenship Coalition

Progressive Leadership Alliance of Nevada

Promise Arizona

Somos Un Pueblo Unido

Tennessee Immigrant and Refugee Rights Coalition

The New York Immigration Coalition

The Resurrection Project

Texas Organizing Project

Voces de la Frontera

Unite Oregon

Greater Portland Welcome Center

National and other organizations endorsing:

Academy of Medical & Public Health Services (AMPHS)

Adhikaar

Alianza Americas
Alianza Nacional de Campesinas
America's Voice
Asian Americans Advancing Justice | AAJC
Asian Counseling and Referral Service
AsylumWorks
Cabrini Immigrant Services of NYC
Center for Gender & Refugee Studies
Center for Popular Democracy
Central Washington Justice For Our Neighbors
Church World Service
Employee Rights Center
Farmworker Justice
First Focus on Children
Hispanic Federation
Immigration Hub
International Rescue Committee
Jewish Family Services WNY
Just Neighbors Ministry
Justice for Our Neighbors Michigan
League of Women Voters of the United States
Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service
Mobilization for Justice, Inc.
MomsRising/MamásConPoder
Mujeres Latinas en Acción
National CAPACD- National Coalition for Asian Pacific American Community Development
National Domestic Workers Alliance
National Network for Immigrant & Refugee Rights
National Skills Coalition
New England Justice for Our Neighbors
New York Justice for Our Neighbors, Inc.
Oxfam America
Poder Latinx
Presidents' Alliance on Higher Education and Immigration
Refugee Congress
Saratoga Immigration Coalition
Southeast Asia Resource Action Center
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UnidosUS
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