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GOP's Anti-Immigrant Tactics Continue to Escalate

EI CENTRO de Igualdad y Derechos, an immigrants' rights and workers' justice organization, denounced a resolution passed yesterday by US House Republicans to file an amicus brief against President Obama's executive actions known as DACA+ and DAPA.

Although only symbolic in nature, once again this demonstrates that Republican politicians are more interested in advancing their partisan, anti-Latino, anti-immigrant, xenophobic agenda than doing what is right for the country. This is yet another attempt to continue to block any immigration relief that could potentially benefit up to 5 million undocumented immigrants across the nation.

DACA+ and DAPA would grant peace of mind for millions of families across the country who live in constant fear of deportation. The programs would also have a direct positive impact on local as well as the U.S.' economies. According to the Center for American Progress, it is estimated that the U.S.' GDP would increase by \$230 billion in a matter of a decade if the executive actions are implemented. In New Mexico alone our GDP would increase by more than \$1 billion within a decade of the implementation.

The resolution has also created conflict among Congressional Members who support President Obama's executive actions on immigration as well as with the idea that the vote on this issue doesn't truly reflect the ideals upheld by the rest of the House of Representatives. EI CENTRO lauds Rep. Michelle Lujan Grisham, D- New Mexico and Rep. Ben Ray Lujan, D- New Mexico who voted against the resolution and are amongst the members of Congress that continually fight for the interest and well being of the immigrant community.

EI CENTRO will continue to fight alongside their partners at the Fair Immigration Reform Movement (FIRM) for the implementation of DACA+ and DAPA, for Congress to pass comprehensive immigration reform, and collaborate with Listo NM, a statewide campaign focused on creating awareness and readiness in the community in preparation to implement the executive actions.

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