



A BIPARTISAN COALITION OF HISPANIC LEADERS

# THE TIME IS NOW

## Hispanic Leaders Demand Protections for Long-Term Immigrants

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Like our community, the signatories of this letter span the political spectrum. We may be MAGA, we may be progressives, we may be somewhere in between. We are all united in demanding that both Republicans and Democrats in Washington deliver solutions that allow long-term undocumented immigrants, many of whom have worked, paid taxes, and contributed to our communities, families and workplaces for decades, long-term solutions that allow them to live and work legally without fear.

We cannot wait. In July, Lorenzo Salgado Araujo, an undocumented long-term immigrant and father of three with no criminal record who had lived in the U.S. for decades and Johan Sebastián Durán Guerrero, a young father with a legal work permit, were killed by ICE officers in Houston, Texas and Biddeford, Maine within a week of each other. DACA holders are being pushed out of status by unprecedented delays in renewals; TPS holders are losing their status; Dreamers and other long-term immigrants are vulnerable to harsh enforcement and deportation.

The numbers speak for themselves. New bipartisan polling shows broad support among Latino voters for moving beyond mass deportations and providing legal status and work permits for long-term immigrants. The bipartisan survey of 1,353 Latino registered voters across seven battleground states found strong support for solutions that allow long-term undocumented immigrants to continue working and contributing to their communities.

The poll also confirms immigration remains a major priority for Hispanic Americans alongside the economy. Nearly 2 in 3 Latino voters surveyed, 63%, said the treatment of immigrants is one of their top issues heading into the 2026 election. And 75% said they would be more likely to support a candidate who backs work permits for long-term undocumented immigrants who have been working and paying taxes in the United States.

That comes as the economic footprint of the Hispanic community continues to grow: Latino-owned businesses generate \$2.8 trillion in economic output, while the Latino Donor Collaborative estimates the U.S. Latino economy reached \$4 trillion in 2023, which would make it the fifth-largest economy in the world if it were a country, larger than the U.K. and France.

Hispanic Americans will determine the outcome of the 2026 midterms, and the Hispanic vote is won with respect. Respect for our community means fighting for and delivering these long-overdue protections for long-term immigrants. We need action now, from this administration and from leaders in Congress.

# SIGNATORIES

*261 leaders and organizations have signed this letter.*

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