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Talking points for weekly phone calls or email/website messages to Senators and President/Vice President until a decision is finalized on a Path to Citizenship for immigration-Unauthorized persons, likely the first week in December.

BACKGROUND:

As part of the Build-Back-Better agenda, the House voted on Nov 19th to fund provisions that would grant temporary work permits and immigration parole (protection from deportation) for certain immigration undocumented persons in the US. This bill will now go to the Senate for a likely vote in early December. While the approved protections are a step forward, they are **temporary**. This is substantially short of the Path to Citizenship that was promised by then candidate Biden and by Democrats. Temporary protections mean they can be revoked by a different Congress or President.

ACTION:

We are asking for your help in contacting our state legislators and the White House to let them know **how important it is for us people of faith to see our neighbors welcomed and loved**. We call on Senators Baldwin and Johnson to work with President Biden and Vice President Harris and take whatever legislative approach, including the budget reconciliation process, to pass a path to citizenship for millions of immigration undocumented human beings that call this country home.

TALKING POINTS:

- Sixty nine percent of immigration unauthorized persons are essential workers – we owe them our entire food supply, from harvest, to processing, delivery, and service.
- They worked through the pandemic not only in the food industry but in many other jobs for which there is a shortage of workers.
- They pay billions of dollars in taxes and contribute to Social Security but receive no benefits.
- Many undocumented immigrants have been in the US for decades and live with US citizen children.
- Standard immigration paths are not realistic as people cannot generally wait 10 years or more for a visa when they can't feed their children or are escaping persecution in their home country.
- They deserve to live alongside us out of the shadows, without fear or further trauma.
- They deserve dignity and our gratitude. It is past time that they and their children have access to a path to citizenship.

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