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NALEO Educational Fund Statement on the U.S. Citizenship Act of 2021

Proposed legislation is a step in the right direction

WASHINGTON, D.C. – The National Association of Latino Elected and Appointed Officials (NALEO) Educational Fund today released the following statement from CEO Arturo Vargas on the introduction of the U.S. Citizenship Act of 2021:

“It is beyond the time we fully recognize our country’s immigrants as part of the American family. For decades, we have needed comprehensive immigration reform that is fair and humane. From protecting DREAMers to modernizing our immigration processes, now is the time to get this right and provide the opportunity for tax-paying and law-abiding immigrant workers and their families to pursue U.S. citizenship. The U.S. Citizenship Act of 2021 is an overdue step in that direction.

“Providing a pathway to citizenship for immigrants and their families will make us a more prosperous nation, enrich civic life, and help us unify around our diversity. We can do this while keeping families together, growing our economy, protecting our workers, and preserving our national security.

“Today, Congress is faced with the critical challenge of whether it can finally deliver immigration reform to a nation that desperately needs it. This issue can no longer wait. We call on legislators to come together in a bipartisan effort to finally see this through.

“While NALEO Educational Fund will examine the legislation in more detail to gauge its impact on Latinos and all immigrants in our country, this bill marks a promising opportunity to successfully tackle one of the most consequential issues our nation has ever faced. The time is now. Congress must get this done.”

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About NALEO Educational Fund

NALEO Educational Fund is the nation’s leading non-partisan, non-profit organization that facilitates the full participation of Latinos in the American political process, from citizenship to public service.