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NALEO Educational Fund Commends House Passage of Build Back Better Act as Important First Step Towards Improving Our Immigration System

Fair and effective immigration reform should ultimately include an "earned" pathway to citizenship for immigrants and their families

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 immigration provisions in the Build Back Better Act passed by the U.S. House of Representatives:

"NALEO Educational Fund commends the inclusion of immigration provisions in the Build Back Better Act. These provisions are a positive step toward recognizing the invaluable contributions that immigrants make to the progress of the United States and the key role that immigrant workers and their families play in the future growth of our nation. These provisions will also help reunite immigrants with their families and reduce immigration and naturalization application backlogs that prevent eligible lawful permanent residents (LPRs) from realizing their dream of becoming U.S. citizens.

"We urge the Senate to pass the Build Back Better Act to provide temporary relief to millions of law-abiding, tax-paying immigrants and their families. However, as set forth in our [Boards' principles](#) on immigration reform, ultimately, our nation must enact immigration reform that creates an 'earned' pathway to citizenship for immigrants who lack authorized status, as well as for Dreamers and Temporary Protected Status grantees. Until this occurs, our country's work on immigration reform is not done.

"NALEO Educational Fund offers assistance to LPRs who yearn to become U.S. citizens and make America their permanent home. Aspiring citizens have a variety of ways to receive free assistance from NALEO Educational Fund, including having questions answered about the naturalization process through our live bilingual hotline at **1-888-839-8682**, available Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. EDT, and receiving additional information through our [naturalization](#) workshops and clinics."

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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.