

NATIONAL IMMIGRATION LAW CENTER (NILC)

Dear Representative,

The National Immigration Law Center (NILC) is the only advocacy organization in the United States exclusively committed to defending the rights and opportunities of low-income immigrants and their families.

NILC strongly urges you to vote against the “Preventing Executive Overreach on Immigration Act of 2014” (H.R. 5759), introduced by Ted Yoho (R-FL), which aims to nullify the expanded deferred action programs announced by President Obama on November 20th. This bill would deny 4 million parents of U.S. citizens an opportunity to seek temporary protection from deportation and obtain work authorization. It would also undercut existing mechanisms to provide relief to victims of serious crimes and domestic violence survivors.

The drafters of H.R. 5759 claim that President Obama’s immigration executive action is unconstitutional. In fact, the President has strong legal authority deriving from statutes, regulations, Supreme Court decisions, and historical precedents. The President’s actions further represent sound public policy, bringing accountability to immigration enforcement and recognizing the immigration system’s failure to account for individuals who have lived and worked in the country for years and contributed to our country. The President’s actions also embody a needed moral and humanitarian consciousness, protecting the unity of mixed legal status families and facilitating the growth and ambitions of America’s youth.

We urge you to vote against this effort to undermine bringing humanity to our immigration policy.

Sincerely,

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