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Statement by President Richard Trumka on House Republicans Vote on H.R. 5759 to Block Executive Action

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Today's vote is a shameful attempt by Republican leaders to roll back protections President Obama's executive action will provide to millions of immigrant workers. Rather than advancing meaningful reform, H.R. 5759 would further exploitation and force our community members to continue to live and work in fear.

Republicans are only weeks away from controlling the House and Senate. Today's vote shows that a Republican-controlled Congress will focus more on reversing progress than putting forward new ideas. The American people deserve better. Voters expect leadership like the executive action President Obama took to reform our broken immigration laws. If today's vote foreshadows what Republican leadership will be for the next two years, voters will surely take notice – and action.

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