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The Honorable Nancy Pelosi,
Speaker U.S. House of Representatives
Washington D.C., 20515

Speaker Pelosi, thank you for your leadership and commitment to advancing the nation's future with today's passage in the U.S. House of Representatives of the *Build Back Better Act*, which represents an important step towards a once in a generation investment in our nation's social fabric.

For 11+ Million immigrants actively contributing to the economic, social, cultural and civic fabric of the nation, and particularly in the context of a devastating global pandemic, the *Build Back Better Act* also represents an expression of our nation's values. It makes a statement about our commitment to turning the tide on climate change, it makes a statement that investing in children is securing generations to come, that healthcare is a right, and it could also make a statement that millions of DREAMERS, Temporary Protected Status (TPS) beneficiaries, farmworkers, "essential workers", individuals and families matter, and a recognition of the critical role immigrants have had to date, and will have moving forward in helping us build a stronger, more equitable, more just and inclusive society.

We understand that the current proposal could result in urgently needed temporary work permits for a good segment of the immigrant community. We also understand that it still faces many barriers now that it has moved to the Senate. So we call on your leadership to advocate with Democratic Senators to not only protect, but support amendments to the current language that would expand protections and secure a path to permanency for the very people whose labor and contributions will ensure that as a nation we actually "build back better."

A failure to recognize 11+ Million of the hardest working members of our communities, by not securing permanent protections will only hinder this monumental investment, its transformative potential and future sustainability. Building a better nation, a more equitable and just nation requires building a nation for everyone.

We commend you for this monumental effort, and call on you to leverage all your power and compassion in favor of protections for everyone without exclusion. The time is now! And you can count on CARECEN SF continuing to advocate for the rights, aspirations and self-determination of our community.

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