A Quaker Call to Citizenship for All
| STATE OF PLAY IN OUR COMMUNITIES |
| SITUACIÓN DENTRO DE NUESTRAS COMUNIDADES |

| • Essential & Excluded       | • Esenciales y excluido         |
| • Deportations & Detention Continue | • Continúan las deportaciones y detenciones |

NOW IS THE TIME. 
ESTE ES EL MOMENTO.
Our Quaker faith calls us to act
STATE OF PLAY IN CONGRESS

• New Biden/Harris administration
• House
  • Slim Democratic majority
• Senate
  • 50/50 split
  • VP Harris as tie-breaker
  • Filibuster
• What this means

• Current Bills in play:
  • US Citizenship Act of 2021
  • Dream and Promise Act
  • Farm Workers Modernization Act
  • Dream Act
  • Secure Act
• Timeline
• Political forces
Questions?
We believe that compassionate, humane, and effective reform of the immigration system must be grounded in the following principles:

- Develop humane economic and environmental policies to reduce forced migration.
- Protect the labor rights of all workers.
- Develop a quick path to legal permanent residency and a clear path to citizenship.
- Respect the civil and human rights of immigrants.
- Demilitarize the U.S.-Mexico border and its surrounding communities.
- Make family and loved ones' reunification a top priority.
- Ensure that immigrants have access to public services.
LEGISLATION THAT FULLY ADDRESSES THE NEEDS OF OUR COMMUNITIES MUST:

- Create a clear, inclusive, transparent, and timely roadmap to permanent residency and citizenship for all 11 million undocumented immigrants in the U.S.—without exception.
- Prioritize reunification for loved ones and families; eliminate decades-long backlogs in processing family visa applications as well as five- and ten-year bars on family applications for family members who were deported; and create avenues to bring back to the U.S. people who have been deported.
- Respect the human, civil, and labor rights of all immigrants by ending detention and deportation, providing full access to public services and benefits, and ensuring immigrants’ rights and dignity are respected in places of work.
WAYS TO TAKE ACTION

• Visit our landing page afsc.org/citizenshipforall
  • Email your members of congress
  • Tweet at your MOC
  • Educate yourself and amplify the call on social media, local media and in your community
    • Visit https://www.afsc.org/resource/immigrant-ally-resources-quaker-meetings-and-churches
    • Download and distribute our New Path Principles at your school, congregation and other community settings – afsc.org/resource/new-path
    • Write an op-ed or letter to the editor of your local paper to keep the discussion around citizenship for all framed in humane and fair policies.
LEARN MORE ON FCNL

- FCNL Legislative Ask: https://www.fcnl.org/resources/protect-dreamers-their-families-and-communities
- FCNL Take Action: https://fcnl.quorum.us/campaign/28605/
- To be connected with FNCL’s Advocacy Corps
  - Email: Larissa@fcnl.org
Holding elected officials accountable once they are elected is important. Help us get them on record this month.

Town halls and local events are an opportunity to lift our concerns for members of Congress and within our communities. Visit townhallprojects.com to find more details.

Sample Question: Immigrant communities saw increased targeting under the Trump administration through the ending of various programs that protected against detention and deportation and increased surveillance of immigrant neighborhoods, detention and deportation. The majority of [insert your community here] support a path to citizenship. Will you support immigration reform that provides a road to citizenship, protects workers and keeps families together?

Also feel free to craft your own using examples from your own life or community, or from information about the candidate.

For an overview of “How to Bird-Dog” visit: www.afsc.org/birddogging
CITIZENSHIP FOR ALL: VIRTUAL PHONE BANK
EVERY THURSDAY AT 5PM ET

• In partnership with our co-host NAKASEC, join people across the country in making phone calls to members of Congress—advocating for citizenship for all and an end to inhumane practices of detention and deportation. We will give a quick training on what you need to know—just come ready with a phone and internet access.

Break out session- 20mins

• A moment to debrief all the content that was shared.
  • What does the call for Citizenship for All mean to you?
  • What action can you commit to in amplifying a humane call for Citizenship for all?