

Voces de la Frontera: Wisconsin joins thousands in DC for historic mobilization to fight for the Dream Act

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Over 100 Wisconsinites including 50+ constituents of US Speaker of the House Paul Ryan will urge Ryan and members of Congress from both parties to include the Dream Act in federal spending legislation this year

Who: Voces de la Frontera, Youth Empowered in the Struggle, Wisconsin immigrant youth and families, constituents of US Speaker of the House Paul Ryan

What: Wisconsin delegation at the Defend Our Immigrant Communities rally for the Dream Act and TPS-recipient families

When: Wednesday, December 6th, 12pm EST

Where: Upper Senate Park, US Capitol, Washington DC

Visuals: Spokespeople who would be provided a path to citizenship by the clean Dream Act, dozens of colorful banners and signs, hundreds of Wisconsinites and constituents of Paul Ryan

Spokespeople include:

Wendy Cruz, high school student and constituent of Speaker Ryan who was part of the 2010 Children's Delegation urging Ryan to pass the Dream Act after her uncle

was deported

Luis Tapia, high school junior and constituent of Speaker Ryan from Racine
Mayra Jimenez, a DACA recipient and recent college graduate from Milwaukee
Yareli Suarez, a high school junior from Milwaukee who would benefit from the Dream Act

Notes: Spokespeople will be available for interviews all day Tuesday in Wisconsin, and all day Wednesday in Washington. Organizers can share pictures and video with reporters unable to travel to Washington

WASHINGTON, DC — On Wednesday, December 6th, hundreds of DACA recipients, immigrant families, and supporters from southeastern Wisconsin will join tens of thousands expected to join historic protests demanding Congress pass the Dream Act and relief for TPS-recipient families. The Wisconsin group will include dozens of constituents of US Speaker of the House Paul Ryan. Wisconsin's delegation will arrive at the Upper Senate Park near the Capitol at 12pm EST. Wisconsinites will call for Speaker Ryan to pass the Dream Act before the end of this year as part of legislation to continue funding the federal government. The Wisconsin delegation will also urge Democrats to withhold their votes for any spending package that does not include the Dream Act.

“Our movement must continue to put pressure on both Republicans and Democrats to ensure that the clean Dream Act is included in federal spending legislation this year,” said Christine Neumann-Ortiz, Executive Director of Voces de la Frontera. “That is the best vehicle to restore protections for DACA recipients. It’s up to us to make that happen, and we must continue to put pressure on members of both parties, or we will be sold out.”

“We are going to Washington because we need Congress and Speaker Ryan to pass the clean Dream Act today,” said Luis Tapia, a YES member, high school junior, and constituent of Speaker Ryan from Racine, Wisconsin. “My parents, myself, and all of us should feel safe. My dream is to finish school and become a math teacher. Congress and Speaker Ryan must pass the Dream Act before the end of this year so our families can be safe and so we can continue our dreams.”