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# LCCC Announces Support of U.S. Citizenship Act of 2021

California – Today, the Latino Caucus of California Counties (LCCC) President V. Manuel Perez announces the LCCC's strong support of the U.S. Citizenship Act of 2021.

"As the son of farmworkers, I understand firsthand the importance of a legitimate pathway to U.S. citizenship" said LCCC President V. Manuel Perez (Riverside County – 4<sup>th</sup> District). For far too long, undocumented immigrants have been taken advantage of in the workforce due to fears of being deported – this is especially true for farmworkers. The U.S. Citizenship Act of 2021 will finally provide a viable pathway to U.S. citizenship and ensure all those who came to this country to pursue the American Dream can fulfill that destiny. I commend U.S. Congresswoman Lindá Sanchez (CA-38) and U.S. Senator Bob Menendez (D-NJ) for introducing the measure and President Joe Biden for his commitment to see it through."

Specifically, this legislation will provide millions of undocumented immigrants with a viable pathway to earned citizenship, including those who identify as Dreamers, Temporary Protective Status (TPS) recipients, and essential workers who have made enormous sacrifices during the pandemic. This measure will also prioritize family reunification and keeping families together.

Additionally, this bill will also allow for the responsible and effective management of our borders through smart and strategic investments and also address root causes of migration that force people to leave Central America.

Ultimately, the U.S. Citizenship Act of 2021 restores the United States of America's commitment to human rights.

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The Latino Caucus of California Counties is an organization which encourages the engagement and involvement of its Board and membership, works to provide solutions to issues and concerns of our Latino communities, and promotes Latino leaders.