CALIFORNIA’S HIGH STAKE IN IMMIGRATION REFORM

Why is Authorization Good for CA?

1 IN 6 OF ALL CA KIDS HAVE AT LEAST ONE UNDOCUMENTED PARENT. Their future is dependent on their parents’ well-being and will determine the state’s future.

Authorization with a path to citizenship will result in a $4.6 BILLION BOOST IN INCOME, ANNUALLY, for undocumented immigrants that will have a multiplier effect and grow the state’s economy.

Who are the Undocumented?

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67% of all children with an undocumented parent are living in poverty compared to 25% of those with US-born parents.

Nearly 9% of the CA workforce

A PATHWAY TO CITIZENSHIP

While undocumented immigrants struggle, citizen immigrants typically outperform the US born:

- 77% of US born have a high school education
- 80% have health insurance
- 68% have a BA or better

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What Does Reform Need to Include for California to Benefit?

A FOCUS ON IMMIGRANT INTEGRATION

CA needs a statewide body focused on immigrant integration to maximize the economic and social benefits of immigrants.

RESOURCES TARGETED TO AREAS THAT WILL MAKE IMMIGRANTS MORE PRODUCTIVE:

- ADULT EDUCATION
  While 6% of the undocumented have a BA or better, 67% have not graduated high school.

- ENGLISH LANGUAGE INSTRUCTION
  42% of the undocumented speak English well.

- HEALTH INSURANCE
  As compared to 83% of US born and 80% of citizen immigrants, only 39% of working-age undocumented immigrants have health insurance.

3% White, 85% Latino, 12% Asian, 1% Other

The undocumented Black are less than 1%, but are nearly 10,000 of the state’s residents.

DID YOU KNOW MANY OF THE UNDOCUMENTED ARE ASIAN?

Do You Know What’s Unique About the Undocumented in Your Community?

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