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Dream & Promise for Nebraskans



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-Alejandra Ayotitla, Dreamer



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-Jose Palacios, TPS resident



Rural Nebraskans Support Immigration Reform

According to the 2019 UNL Rural Poll:

62% of Rural Nebraskans support undocumented immigrants who have lived, worked, and & paid taxes for 5 years or more to stay legally and have access to citizenship.

70% of Rural Nebraskans want DREAMers to have the opportunity to become U.S. citizens. Border security interest in rural Nebraska decreased nearly 10% from 2006 to 2019.

80% of Americans support legal status for undocumented immigrants, including 64% who support citizenship. (PRRI 2019-20).

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Nebraskans and Americans are ready for positive change!

Immigrant Nebraskans Contribute:



ECONOMY

Undocumented Nebraskans pay nearly \$40 m per year in state/ local taxes alone and contribute work skills across the state. The annual spending power of Nebraska Dreamers and TPS families exceeds \$230 million (ITEP, 2019).



FAMILY

Families are stronger together. Many Nebraska families have mixed immigration and U.S. citizen status. Families should not be separated at the border or due to deportation.



COMMUNITY

We build vibrant, safe, and diverse communities together. Immigrants contribute to local communities through work, culture, volunteerism, and faith communities.

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Nebraska Immigrants Contribute to the Community:

+\$40 million

in annual state & local taxes from undocumented Nebraskans. If granted legal status, this would likely **increase 8%** due to economic mobility.

+\$30 million

Dreamer & TPS/DED annual state & local taxes.

+\$40 million

Dreamer & TPS/DED annual federal taxes.

+\$150 million

in annual contributions from DACA recipients to the Nebraska economy.

+\$230 million

in the estimated spending power of Dreamers and TPS/DED recipients.

"I value giving back to our community – the place I have been lucky enough to call my home and contribute to for the past 18 years. Like many other DACA recipients, for the past several years, I've been living in uncertainty, not knowing whether I will be able to renew my status. The lack of a pathway to citizenship for someone like me makes it difficult to plan and pursue long-term educational and work goals."

- Yovana Aliaga Centon, Dreamer

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NEBRASKANS SUPPORT IMMIGRATION REFORM

NEBRASKANS AGREE OUR NEIGHBORS SHOULD HAVE A PROCESS FOR CITIZENSHIP

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Rural Nebraskans believe DREAMers should have the opportunity to become U.S. citizens.

Americans want better border governance and smarter reform:

86% of Americans support an increase to the number of judges handling asylum cases.

82% believe we should provide safe and sanitary conditions for asylum seekers.

60% say we should make it easier for asylum seekers to be granted legal status in the U.S.

72% think there should be a way for undocumented immigrants to stay in the country legally and apply for citizenship according to Pew research.

