

**THE SENATE WILL CONTINUE THE IMMIGRATION REFORM DEBATE!  
KEEP UP THE CALLS, FAXES, LETTERS, AND EMAILS.**

The Senate will continue the debate on the immigration reform bill this week. ***We need you to help by keeping up constant communication with your senators.***

Various amendments will come up for votes in the next few days. We must support those that will protect immigrant rights and will unite families and reject those that seek to destroy any chance of reform.

**Please call and write your senator and say...**

**Please vote “Yes” on the following amendments:**

1. **Menendez/Hagel #1194** would change the backlog reduction deadline from May 2005 to January 2007, and would include everyone who has filed an application up until that date. This would allow all legal immigrants to rejoin the family members they have been waiting for through an immigration petition.
2. **Clinton/Menendez/Hagel #1183** would reclassify the spouses and minor children of lawful permanent residents as immediate relatives, so that parents and minor children can live together without lengthy delays.

**Please vote “No” on the following amendments:**

1. **Allard** would deny green cards to Z visa holders.
2. **Cornyn #1184** would expand the class of aggravated felony crimes and make them **retroactive**, resulting in the most drastic consequences for immigrants. It would make the fraudulent use of a Social Security number for employment reasons grounds for deportation. **Virtually the entire undocumented population would be rendered ineligible for legalization if this amendment were to pass.**
3. **Sessions #1234 AND #1235** would deny the Earned Income Tax Credit to **legal immigrants**. Sessions #1234 would deny immigrants the Earned Income Tax Credit after they achieve legal status, forcing them to pay much higher tax rates than other Americans until they have adjusted to legal permanent resident status (which could take many years). Sessions #1235 would impose a five-year block on Earned Income Tax Credit eligibility for virtually all legal immigrants. This would have a harmful effect not only on those who are achieving legal status under the bill, but also on **current legal permanent residents and victims of human trafficking and domestic violence who have already been legally admitted to the U.S.**
4. **McConnell #1170** would require a photo ID for voting; this has nothing to do with immigration reform, and would likely reduce participation of eligible voters who lack the documentation this amendment requires. All U.S. citizens would be required to obtain

identification documents that would allow them to vote. This amendment would consequently establish a form of **poll tax which will undermine electoral participation.**