

YOUR CALLS ARE MAKING A DIFFERENCE!

Continue Taking Action Today on Immigration Amendments

Update:

Thank you for taking action! We defeated two terrible amendments yesterday.

- The Allard amendment that would have denied green cards to Z visa holders was defeated by a vote of 31 to 62. To see your Senators voted go to:
http://www.senate.gov/legislative/LIS/roll_call_lists/roll_call_vote_cfm.cfm?congress=110&session=1&vote=00182
- The McConnell amendment that would have required an ID for voting was defeated by a vote of 41 to 52. To see how your Senators voted go to :
http://www.senate.gov/legislative/LIS/roll_call_lists/roll_call_vote_cfm.cfm?congress=110&session=1&vote=00184

The debate will continue today and this is a reminder to keep calling, faxing and sending e-mails. You've already called? Call again!

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.
3. **Dodd 1199** would increase the number of green cards from 40, 000 to 90,000 for parents of U.S. citizens.

Please vote "No" on the following amendments:

1. **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.**
2. **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.**