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UnidosUS urges a NO vote on H. Res. 461

On behalf of <u>UnidosUS</u>, the nation's largest Latino civil rights and advocacy organization, I urge your boss to vote NO on <u>H. Res. 461</u>, which condemns for political reasons state and local decisions about providing temporary shelter to migrants. It also distracts from the critical work that is needed to ensure that every child gets a quality education.

This bill is a red herring that:

- Aims to stoke fear and division among Americans about asylum seekers and migrants by spreading misinformation about those who seek refuge in the U.S.
- Falsely paints humanitarian migrants as invaders and a threat to our nation and communities. Asylum seekers have been screened by DHS, have been found to have a credible fear of persecution in their home country, and are *legally* waiting for a decision on their asylum claim.
- Promotes the further exploitation of refugees similar to Governors <u>tricking asylum</u>
 <u>seekers</u> with lies or false promises, <u>putting them on a plane or bus</u>, <u>and dumping them</u> in local communities without advance coordination.
- Has no chance of becoming law, is a political stunt meant to animate anti-immigrant sentiment, and does nothing to advance the education of our students.
- Distracts from the very real issues at hand in our education system, including the disinvestment in our schools, the attack on the teaching of accurate and factual history, the threat of gun violence, and the need to invest in and protect *all* students, advance equity in education, and close the achievement gap.

Please Vote NO on H. Res. 461