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All Kids Deserve to DREAM

Voices for Utah Children Urges Passage of DREAM Act by Congress

Salt Lake City, UT – Both the U.S. House of Representatives and the Senate are scheduled to vote on the DREAM Act Wednesday, December 8. The DREAM Act would provide undocumented students brought to the United States as children with the opportunity to earn permanent legal status if they came to the U.S. when they were very young, lived here for at least five years, stayed out of trouble, earned a high school diploma or GED, and completed at least two years of college or military service.

Voices for Utah Children urges Congress to pass this bipartisan legislation and issued the following statement by Karen Crompton, executive director.

“The DREAM Act is common sense legislation that is good for the students who qualify for it and good for our country. These young people are Americans in every way but their citizenship, and it helps no one to keep them undocumented. Passing the DREAM Act on a bipartisan basis this year would be a sign that Washington is not completely broken, and an important stepping stone to comprehensive immigration reform early next year.

“Every year, approximately 65,000 students graduate from American high schools facing an uncertain future. If passed, the DREAM Act has the potential to provide these young people with improved access to a higher education and a legal means by which to contribute to Utah and the nation.

“We appreciate Senator Bennett’s commitment to vote for the bill as stand-alone legislation and encourage the rest of Utah’s delegation to do so.”

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