



WHAT IS RECONCILIATION AND WHY IS IT RELEVANT TO THE IMMIGRATION MOVEMENT?

The budget reconciliation process is a historic and long overdue opportunity for Congress to deliver a pathway to citizenship for Dreamers, TPS holders, farmworkers and other essential workers. In August 2021, Congress passed the budget resolution, completing phase one of the reconciliation process.

WHAT IMMIGRATION PROVISIONS ARE INCLUDED IN THE RECONCILIATION BILL?

The \$3.5 trillion budget resolution package, proposed by Democrats, allows lawmakers to craft a bill that includes a pathway to citizenship for millions of people and provides funds for border security. In phase two of the reconciliation process, immigration advocates are encouraging Congress to craft a clean bill that does not include any tradeoffs that limit people's right to seek asylum, build physical or technological walls at the border, or force people into detention.

WHAT SHOULD CONGRESS FUND TO IMPROVE HUMANITARIAN RECEPTION AT THE US-MEXICO BORDER?

With approximately \$10 billion set aside for the broad category of "border security," Congress should prioritize modernizing ports of entry infrastructure, funding local community-based organizations and respite centers receiving people seeking asylum, and creating new large-scale post-release reception centers at the US-Mexico border run by local nongovernmental and nonprofit entities where families and adults can receive legal orientations and other services.

WHAT CAN YOU DO TO TAKE ACTION?

- Sign the [pledge to #WelcomewithDignity](#) - to ensure that every child, family and individual fleeing danger is treated with dignity and humanity.
- Contact your member of Congress to support a pathway to citizenship through the budget reconciliation without harming individuals' and families' right to seek asylum and other protections.
 - Call the U.S. Capitol Switchboard (202) 224-3121
 - Ask the operator to connect you with your House Representative
 - Use this call script:
 - *Hello, my name is [NAME] and as a resident of [City, State] and your constituent, I'm urging you to support a pathway to citizenship for millions of our friends and neighbors. It's important to me that you support this without limiting people's right to seek safety and refuge. Can I count on the congress member to support legalization and oppose any harmful immigration amendments?*
 - [Wait for a response.]
 - *Thank you for your time.*
 - Call the U.S. Capitol Switchboard two more times to connect with your Senators.