



CONGRESSMAN JOHN LEWIS
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IMMIGRATION IN THE 115TH CONGRESS

The United States is a nation of immigrants built by and for immigrants. A. Philip Randolph, the dean of the Civil Rights Movement, would often say, “Maybe our forefathers and our foremothers came to this great land in different ships, but we’re all in the same boat now.”

Given the constant assault on immigrants and refugees, I compiled a list of my efforts to support our friends and neighbors who simply hope for a better future here in America.

DREAMERS / DEFERRED ACTION FOR CHILDHOOD ARRIVALS (DACA)

[In July 2018, I introduced H.R. 6525, the Higher Education Dream Act, ending discrimination against DREAMers in higher education.](#)

[I spoke on the House Floor in June 2018 against Republican bills penalizing DREAMers and harming separated families.](#)

[I wrote a letter in August 2017 to the Dept. of Homeland Security supporting DACA.](#)

Co-sponsored legislation:

- [H.R. 3440, the DREAM Act](#)
- [H.R. 3591, the American Hope Act](#)
- [H. Res. 774, a resolution to consider DREAMer proposals on the House Floor](#)

Co-signed letters:

- [December 2016 letter to Pres. Obama urging pardon for DREAMers](#)
- [Dec. 2016 letter to Pres. Obama urging protection of DREAMers’ personal info](#)
- [March 2017 appropriations letter protecting DREAMers from being detained or removed](#)
- [Nov. 2017 letter to DHS urging processing of DACA applications delayed by Postal Service](#)
- [March 2018 letter to Congressional leaders urging inclusion of Dream Act and exclusion of funding for wall, detentions, and deportations in FY 18 omnibus](#)
- [June 2018 appropriations letter opposing deportation of DREAMers](#)

REFUGEES

Co-sponsored legislation:

- [H.R. 724, Statue of Liberty Values Act](#)
- [H.R. 858, DREAMers, Immigrants, and Refugees \(DIRE\) Legal Aid Act](#)
- [H.R. 920, Protecting Border Communities Act](#)
- [H.R. 1503, Statue of Liberty Values 2.0 Act](#)
- [H.R. 4944, Reuniting Families Act](#)
- [H.R. 6193, Central America Family Protection Act](#)
- [H. Res. 987, condemning decision to deny asylum to victims of domestic or gang violence](#)

Co-signed letters:

- [February 2017 letter to DHS opposing executive order](#)
- [March 2017 appropriations letter urging support for U.S. refugee programs](#)
- [May 2017 letter to DHS about asylum seekers at the U.S.-Mexico border](#)

RAIDS, ENFORCEMENT, AND SANCTUARY CITIES

[I wrote a letter in June 2018 condemning unjust enforcement policies, especially in Georgia.](#)

Co-sponsored legislation:

- [H.R. 921, Community Trust Act](#)
- [H.R. 1076, Protect Sanctuary Cities Act](#)
- [H.R. 1405, Veterans Visa & Protection Act](#)
- [H.R. 1498, End Racial Profiling Act](#)
- [H.R. 2508, Child Citizen Protection Act](#)
- [H.R. 5510, Reentry and Reunification Act](#)

I signed an [amicus brief](#) in January 2018 supporting sanctuary cities in *Chicago v. Sessions*.

Co-signed letters:

- [January 2017 letter to Pres. Obama urging pardon for LPRs with minor offenses](#)
- [February 2017 letter to DHS opposing executive order](#)
- [March 2017 letter to ICE opposing enforcement at courthouses](#)
- [March 2017 letter opposing family separation](#)
- [March 2018 letter to Congressional leaders urging inclusion of Dream Act and exclusion of funding for wall, detentions, and deportations in FY 18 omnibus](#)
- [March 2018 appropriations letter ending enforcement at sensitive locations](#)
- [May 2018 letter to ICE opposing courthouse enforcement](#)

IMMIGRANT DETENTION

[I wrote a letter in June 2018 condemning unjust detention policies, especially in Georgia.](#)

Co-sponsored legislation:

- [H.R. 1006, the Access to Counsel Act](#)
- [H.R. 3923, Dignity for Detained Immigrants Act](#)

Co-signed letters:

- [November 2016 letter to DHS supporting alternatives to detention and opposing increased detention](#)
- [March 2017 appropriations letter eliminating the detention bed mandate](#)

- [October 2017 letter to DHS about pregnant women in detention](#)
- [December 2017 letter to DHS & ICE about sexual assault in detention](#)
- [March 2018 appropriations letter eliminating the detention bed mandate](#)
- [March 2018 letter to Congressional leaders urging inclusion of Dream Act and exclusion of funding for wall, detentions, and deportations in FY 18 omnibus](#)
- [March 2018 appropriations letter opposing family separation](#)
- [April 2018 letter to Attorney General opposing end of legal assistance to detained immigrants facing deportation](#)
- [June 2018 appropriations letter opposing family separation](#)

IMMIGRATION COURTS

[I wrote a letter in June 2018 condemning unjust immigration court policies, especially in Georgia.](#)

Co-sponsored legislation:

- [H.R. 858, DREAMers, Immigrants, and Refugees \(DIRE\) Legal Aid Act](#)
- [H.R. 1006, Access to Counsel Act](#)
- [H.R. 2043, Fair Day for Kids in Court Act](#)
- [H.R. 2508, Child Citizen Protection Act](#)
- [H.R. 6527, FAIR Proceedings Act](#)

Co-signed letters:

- [April 2018 letter to Attorney General opposing end of legal assistance to immigrants facing deportation](#)

FAMILY IMMIGRATION & SEPARATION

[I wrote a letter in June 2018 condemning family separation.](#)

I spoke on the House Floor in June 2018 [opposing family separation](#) and [Republican bills that harm separated families and penalize DREAMers.](#)

Co-sponsored legislation:

- [H.R. 1405, Veterans Visa & Protection Act](#)
- [H.R. 2508, Child Citizen Protection Act](#)
- [H.R. 4944, Reuniting Families Act](#)
- [H.R. 5510, Reentry and Reunification Act](#)
- [H.R. 6135, Keep Families Together Act](#)
- [H.R. 6236, Family Unity Rights and Protection Act](#)
- [H.R. 6594, REUNITE Act](#)

Co-signed letters:

- [March 2017 letter to DHS opposing family separation](#)
- [March 2018 appropriations letter opposing family separation](#)
- [May 2018 letter opposing “public charge” requirements](#)
- [June 2018 letter to Sec. DeVos about education of immigrant children](#)
- [June 2018 appropriations letter opposing family separation](#)
- [June 2018 letter to DHS, HHS, and DOJ opposing family separation](#)
- [June 2018 letter to DHS Inspector General about so-called “zero tolerance”](#)
- [June 2018 letter to HHS and ORR about mistreatment of children in custody](#)
- [June 2018 letter to DHS and HHS about spending on family separation](#)
- [July 2018 letter to ICE opposing charging parents for calls to separated children](#)

TRAVEL BAN

Co-sponsored legislation:

- [H.R. 489, No Religious Registry Act](#)
- [H.R. 862, Freedom of Religion Act](#)
- [H.R. 724, Statue of Liberty Values Act](#)
- [H.R. 1503, Statue of Liberty Values 2.0 Act](#)

I signed this letter:

- [February 2017 letter to DHS opposing executive order](#)

I signed amicus briefs in Feb., March, Sept., and Nov. 2017 and in March 2018 opposing various versions of the travel ban.

TEMPORARY PROTECTED STATUS & DEFERRED ENFORCED DEPARTURE

[I wrote a letter in March 2018 to the Dept. of Homeland Security supporting DED for Liberians.](#)

Co-sponsored legislation:

- [H.R. 1014, Haiti Emergency Relief Act](#)
- [H.R. 4253, American Promise Act](#)
- [H.R. 4384, ASPIRE-TPS Act](#)
- [H.Res. 700, condemning Trump's vulgar comments about other countries](#)

Co-signed letters:

- [September 2017 letter to DHS supporting TPS for Honduras and El Salvador](#)
- [November 2017 letter to DHS urging renewal of TPS for Honduras, Nicaragua, Haiti, El Salvador, and Syria](#)
- [March 2018 appropriations letter prohibiting removal of TPS or DED recipients](#)
- [April 2018 letter to DHS urging renewal of TPS for Honduras](#)
- [July 2018 letter to DHS urging renewal of TPS for Somalia](#)
- [July 2018 letter to USCIS urging TPS designations for Guatemala and Nicaragua](#)

BORDER WALL WITH MEXICO

Co-sponsored legislation:

- [H.R. 837, Build Bridges Not Walls Act](#)
- [H.R. 920, Protecting Border Communities Act](#)

Co-signed letters:

- [May 2017 letter to DHS about asylum seekers at the U.S.-Mexico border](#)
- [March 2018 letter to Congressional leaders urging inclusion of Dream Act and exclusion of funding for wall, detentions, and deportations in FY 18 omnibus](#)