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RE: Oppose H.R. 5272, regarding deferred action for childhood arrivals

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On behalf of the American Civil Liberties Union, please find copied below our vote recommendation opposing H.R. 5272, a bill relating to deferred action for childhood arrivals, as modified today by an amendment in the nature of a substitute. A recorded vote on this bill is anticipated on the House floor today.

Please don't hesitate to contact Joanne Lin (202/675-2317; jlin@aclu.org) or Chris Rickerd (202/675-2339; crickerd@aclu.org) with any questions.

Regards,

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ACLU Recommends a NO Vote on H.R. 5272

We urge you to vote against H.R. 5272 or any bill or amendment intended to restrict the executive's long-established discretion in immigration enforcement. Deferred action is not permanent protection against deportation: it is a temporary reprieve for certain contributing members of our communities.

The American Civil Liberties Union recommends a NO vote on H.R. 5227 for the following reasons:

H.R. 5272 would:

- (1) Freeze the 2012 Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program;**
 - (2) Prevent any future class-based deferred actions; and**
 - (3) Prevent any future grants of employment authorization to persons who have not been admitted and who are not lawfully present.**
- **H.R. 5272 is an unprecedented restriction on the executive's long-established discretion in immigration enforcement.** It would make zero-tolerance the motivating principle of immigration policy, regardless of equities presented by groups of community members including parents of U.S. citizen children and DREAMERS, or veterans of the armed forces and their families.
 - **H.R. 5272 would bar deferred action with a work permit for any individual who lacks status.** By blocking employment authorization, the bill would perpetuate second-class status for individuals who are American in all respects, but their papers. As a result, H.R. 5272 would entrench employer exploitation and denial of all workers' constitutional rights.

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