

## NELP Applauds Passage of the DREAM Act in the House; Urges Swift Passage by the Senate

The National Employment Law Project (NELP) applauds the House of Representative's historic passage of the DREAM Act. If the measure is approved by the Senate, it will create a pathway to citizenship for as many as 800,000 young college graduates and servicemen and women who have lived in America since they were children. NELP urges the Senate to pass this measure quickly in order to remove the unfair barriers young people face when trying to hold up their end of the American Dream- to work hard, to give back to the communities that raised them, and to provide for their families. "In such challenging economic times, we cannot afford to turn our backs on a chance to build a better educated workforce and more vibrant communities," said Christine Owens, executive director of the National Employment Law Project. "Giving these talented young people real access to the American Dream will increase their financial contributions to our economy, including federal programs like Social Security, and strengthen the financial fabric of our country."