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September 11, 2023

The Honorable Zoe Lofgren  
1401 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Jimmy Panetta  
304 Cannon House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

**Re: H.R. 1511, the Renewing Immigration Provisions of the Immigration Act of 1929 Act – SUPPORT**

On behalf of the County of Monterey Board of Supervisors, I am writing to express our support for H.R. 1511, the *Renewing Immigration Provisions of the Immigration Act of 1929 Act*.

This bill would broaden a pathway to permanency for millions of long-term U.S. residents. The Renewing Immigration Provisions of the Immigration Act of 1929 would update the existing Registry statute so that an immigrant may qualify for lawful permanent resident status if they have lived in the U.S. continuously for at least seven years before filing an application for lawful permanent resident status and are of good moral character.

The legislation would provide a much-needed pathway to a green card for more than 8 million people, including Dreamers, forcibly displaced citizens (TPS holders), children of long-term visa holders, essential workers, and highly skilled members of our workforce. According to [FWD.us estimates](https://www.fwd.us/estimates), if the undocumented individuals covered in this bill became citizens, they would contribute approximately \$121 billion to the U.S. economy annually and about \$35 billion in taxes.

We are pleased to offer our support for the *Renewing Immigration Provisions of the Immigration Act of 1929 Act*, and we thank you for your leadership on this important issue.

Sincerely,

**LUIS A. ALEJO**  
**Chair, Monterey County Board of Supervisors**