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Dream Act Fails to Pass
Chinese American Citizens Alliance Expresses Displeasure

Chinese American Citizens Alliance is extremely disappointed that the DREAM ACT failed to pass in the Senate over the weekend. Roadblocks were placed to a lengthy pathway to citizenship for young people who know America as their only home, are of good moral character, and would pursue college or the military. These students whose dreams have been deferred are among our brightest and are a treasure trove of untapped talent. Logic tells that they would be our entrepreneurs, teachers, scientists, doctors, writers and artists. They would strengthen our economy, inspire us, provide needed health care, find cures for diseases, create cultural understanding and beauty, and defend our freedom.

Ironically, the vote on the DREAM Act was taken one day after the date of the Repeal of the Chinese Exclusion Act (December 17, 1943), the day that Chinese Americans began the pathway to inclusion in American society.

Remarked Grand (National) President Carolyn Hong Chan, "We are grateful to the DREAM students, members of the Alliance, and other organizations who fought valiantly to bring the DREAM Act to both the House and Senate floors for a vote. We appreciate the strong support given by House and Senate members who voted favorably on the act. The dream lives on. One day it will become reality."

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