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## **Vermont Interfaith Action's Immigration Leaders & Clergy Demand Congress Disregard the Parliamentarian's Recommendation on Immigration Provisions in BBB**

**BURLINGTON** - Yesterday, the Senate Parliamentarian recommended against including immigration provisions in the Build Back Better Act. This is the third plan the parliamentarian rejects, which would have provided temporary work permits to millions; the first two plans sought to provide a permanent pathway to citizenship.

[In a statement Senate Democrats](#) said, they "strongly disagree" with the parliamentarian's decision of rejecting their latest immigration proposal. They added, "...we will pursue every means to achieve a path to citizenship in the Build Back Better Act."

"The Senate parliamentarian's ruling is not the final word on citizenship," said **Richard Morales, Political Director at Faith in Action**. "Senate Democrats must be bold and move forward with an alternative approach to protect immigrants and create a pathway to citizenship. We will not stop fighting until citizenship is delivered. We cannot build back better without Immigrants."

"Congress has the moral obligation to provide undocumented immigrants, who have been the backbone of this country throughout the pandemic, a pathway to citizenship," said **Catherine Bock, VIA immigration leader and naturalized citizen**. "The Senate has it in their power to make history and provide a pathway to citizenship in the Build Back Better Act by ignoring the parliamentarian's recommendation."

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