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APRIL 27, 2020

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT, APRIL 27, 2020

A RESOLUTION

Urging the Congress of the United States to include undocumented residents in all future COVID-19 stimulus and recovery plans.

WHEREAS, The current COVID-19 pandemic has had an unprecedented impact on the United States, leading to the deaths of over 28,500 people; and

WHEREAS, The financial impact of the pandemic has led to the unemployment of millions of Americans; and

WHEREAS, The burden of job loss on undocumented residents and their families continues to worsen even as economic aid and recovery efforts are put into place; and

WHEREAS, Undocumented residents have proven time and time again that they make important contributions to the economy and our nation; and

WHEREAS, The country depends on the contribution and labor of undocumented residents, many who work in industries, such as construction and food service, that are essential to our prosperity and growth as a nation; and
WHEREAS, Undocumented residents cannot access unemployment benefits and will not be receiving stimulus checks, even though they are one of the groups at high risk of financial insecurity due to COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, California was the first and only state that has pledged to provide undocumented residents with financial assistance checks and resources; and

WHEREAS, Undocumented residents contributed $13 billion into Social Security funds and $3 billion to Medicare in 2016, but are not eligible for Social Security benefits; and

WHEREAS, Undocumented residents pay an average of $11.64 billion in state and local taxes per year, with about 8% of their income going to taxes; and

WHEREAS, Many undocumented residents are living in fear of the continued impact COVID-19 will have on their families; therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania urge the United States Congress to include undocumented residents in future COVID-19 stimulus packages and recovery plans; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the General Assembly recognize that the lack of Federal support for undocumented residents and their families during this pandemic will have a lasting impact on our nation; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the General Assembly recognize and support the undocumented resident population's concerns during this trying time; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to the presiding officers of each house of Congress and to the members of Congress from Pennsylvania.