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SENATE MEMORIAL 20

**55TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2021**

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A MEMORIAL

URGING THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES, THE NEW MEXICO  
CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION AND ALL OTHER MEMBERS OF THE UNITED  
STATES CONGRESS TO FIX THE IMMIGRATION PROBLEM.

WHEREAS, Americans' concern with immigration continues to  
be heightened, as twenty-three percent name it as the most  
important problem facing the country, according to a 2019  
Gallup poll; and

WHEREAS, according to the United States census bureau,  
there were roughly forty-five million immigrants in the United  
States in 2017, which is approximately fourteen percent of the  
population; and

WHEREAS, two-thirds of undocumented immigrants have been  
living in the United States for ten or more years, and many  
undocumented immigrants live with their children who are United

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1 States citizens; and

2 WHEREAS, the influx of people at the United States  
3 southern border has increased, as many people are fleeing  
4 violence and crime in their home countries; and

5 WHEREAS, even as immigration is acknowledged as one of the  
6 nation's most pressing problems, Americans still view  
7 immigration positively in general, according to the Gallup  
8 poll; and

9 WHEREAS, the issue continues to challenge United States  
10 lawmakers, as congress and presidents have been unable to enact  
11 meaningful legislation and develop a plan for undocumented  
12 immigrants living in the United States; and

13 WHEREAS, this indecision has created, and continues to  
14 create, financial and political problems that the United States  
15 must deal with;

16 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE  
17 OF NEW MEXICO that the president of the United States, the New  
18 Mexico congressional delegation and all other members of the  
19 United States congress be urged to fix the immigration problem;  
20 and

21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the federal government be  
22 urged to clearly address the immigration issue and find a  
23 pathway for undocumented immigrants to gain United States  
24 citizenship; and

25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that undocumented immigrants who

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1 have records of violent crimes, drug trafficking or human  
2 trafficking be determined ineligible to apply for citizenship;  
3 and

4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the federal government be  
5 urged to address the current backlog of applications for  
6 citizenship by undocumented immigrants and create ways to  
7 expedite the application process; and

8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the federal government be  
9 urged to devise ways to secure United States borders to allow  
10 the free flow of legal access while controlling illegal access  
11 to United States borders and ports; and

12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be  
13 transmitted to the president of the United States, members of  
14 the New Mexico congressional delegation and all other members  
15 of the United States congress.

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