

WASHINGTON, DC – Congressman Mike Honda (CA-15), Chair of the Congressional Asian Pacific American Caucus (CAPAC), is disappointed by the Senate's failure to debate S. 2205, the Development, Relief, and Education for Alien Minors Act of 2007 (DREAM Act). The related bill in the House of Representatives is H.R. 1275, the American Dream Act.

The bill would allow undocumented students who are long-time U.S. residents to pursue their dreams of going to college and to contribute to the well-being of our nation. Despite the fact that many of these children have grown up in the U.S., attended local schools, and have demonstrated a sustained commitment to succeed in the U.S. as Americans, our immigration laws provide no avenue for these students to become legal.

Rep. Mike Honda (CA-15): "I have met with DREAM Act students in my district, who are academic stars, contribute so much to the civic life at our schools and our communities, and have a rich understanding of American principles of social justice. It is a shame that the Senate has voted to give up on this talent and diversity. It is time to help these undocumented students who have grown up in American with American values and the American dream. I look forward to working with my colleagues in the House to address this issue."

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*The Congressional Asian Pacific American Caucus (CAPAC) is a bicameral and bipartisan caucus of Members of Congress of Asian and Pacific Islander descent and Members who have a strong dedication to promoting the well-being of the Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) community. Founded in 1994 by then Congressman Norman Mineta, and currently chaired by Congressman Michael Honda, CAPAC has been addressing the needs of the AAPI community in all areas of American life. For more information on CAPAC, please call (202) 225-2631 or visit <http://www.honda.house.gov/capac>.*