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### **Rep. Gary Miller's Statement on the DREAM Act**

WASHINGTON, DC – Late Tuesday night, another version of the DREAM Act was introduced in the House of Representatives. As the House is expected to consider the bill tonight, Rep. Gary Miller issued a statement criticizing efforts by the Democrat-controlled Congress to pass the DREAM Act, a bill that could grant amnesty to more than two million illegal immigrants.

“In the dark of night, Democrat leadership once again dropped a controversial bill that they hope to consider the next day. There have been no committee hearings, no mark-ups, and the text of the legislation has barely seen the light of day. This type of political maneuvering and lack of transparency is exactly why Americans voted against the Democrat-controlled Congress on Election Day.

“While granting amnesty to over two million Americans is already bad enough, the bill contains several loopholes that will lead to fraud and abuse. The DREAM Act makes it possible for almost any illegal immigrant to evade the law. Once they file an application, no matter how fraudulent, the federal government is prohibited from deporting them. Widespread fraud likely will drive the number of those given amnesty much higher as many illegal immigrants falsely claim that they arrived in the United States before the age of 16.

“What is worse, by granting mass amnesty to millions of illegal immigrants, Americans will face even more competition for scarce jobs. Americans don't want amnesty for those who have broken our nation's immigration laws; they want an opportunity to go back to work.

“All in all, the DREAM Act is an assault to the American Dream and rewards those that have not played by the rules. I am fighting hard against this legislation—Americans deserve no less.”

#### **Background on the DREAM Act:**

- The DREAM Act gives illegal immigrants amnesty, encourages more illegal immigration and inevitably takes jobs from American workers.
- Estimates that the bill only applies to 875,000 illegal immigrants are misleading.
- Once amnesty recipients become citizens and turn 21, they can sponsor their illegal immigrant parents for legalization.
- This kind of chain migration only encourages more illegal immigration, as parents will bring their children to the U.S. in hopes of receiving citizenship.
- The bill also is a magnet for fraud. Many illegal immigrants will falsely claim that they arrived in the U.S. before age 16.
- Once an application is filed, no matter how fraudulent, the federal government is prohibited from deporting the applicant.
- Meanwhile, they will be given work authorization to compete for jobs with the 14.5% of Americans under age 35 who are currently unemployed.

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