Immigration law and regulations are confusing, so it's no surprise that many well-meaning Americans are ill-informed. The League of Women Voters is committed to checking and providing the facts before taking positions on public policy issues. While supporting federal policies to improve economies, education, and living conditions in nations with large emigrating populations, the League has also supported since 2008 federal immigration law reform that provides an efficient, expeditious system for legal entry of immigrants into the United States.

For more than a decade, the League has supported the DREAM Act, the reunification of families, a process for refugees and asylum seekers, and a path to citizenship for the 11 million undocumented persons living in the US for whom currently there is NO path to citizenship. While transitioning to a reformed immigration system, the league supports provisions for unauthorized immigrants already in the United States to earn legal status. Fixing the current immigration system, including the crisis of unaccompanied minors at the border, requires all stakeholders to come together to support common-sense improvements to ensure that the system operates with fairness, efficiency, and justice.

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