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House Leadership needs to offer a real solution to our broken immigration system

Stop bickering over executive action on immigration and pass a real bill

WASHINGTON -- The U.S. House of Representatives should reject a bill that aims to prevent the president's executive action on immigration from taking effect. Instead, our lawmakers should pass a bill to permanently fix our nation's broken immigration system.

H.R. 5759, the "Executive Amnesty Prevention Act," comes on the heels of two congressional hearings this week, threats of a government shutdown and other outlandish rhetoric attacking the relief granted in mid-November to nearly 5 million immigrants, of which half a million are Asian immigrants.

"In the past two weeks, we have seen how this Congress plans to waste our time, playing politics with the lives of real people," said Mee Moua, president and executive director of Asian Americans Advancing Justice | AAJC. "The president had to act because Congress punted on the real fix to our badly broken immigration system. Now, House Leadership wants to take away this relief, but at the same time, refuses to offer us a congressional solution. With the lives of 11 million undocumented Americans and their families hanging in the balance, these actions are irresponsible and reprehensible."

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