



Citizenship for Essential Workers Act

On **March 15** and **16**, U.S. Senators Padilla (D-CA) & Warren (D-MA) and U.S. Representatives Castro (D-TX) and Lieu (D-CA) introduced the Citizenship for Essential Workers Act designated [S.747](#) in the Senate and [H.R. 1909](#) in the House. This bill provides an expedited pathway to legal permanent resident status and a path to U.S. citizenship for undocumented essential workers and their families. Adjustment of status to Legal Permanent Resident under the Citizenship for Essential Workers Act would be open to any non-citizen worker in the sectors of: health care, agriculture construction, emergency response, restaurant work, domestic work, childcare and many more.

The Citizenship for Essential Workers Act will also include undocumented workers who worked in essential industries but lost employment due to COVID-19, including leaving the job due to unsafe working conditions, as well as undocumented relatives of an essential worker who passed away from COVID-19.