

AJC Calls for Senate Action on DREAM Act

September 16, 2010 — Washington, DC — AJC [the American Jewish Committee] applauds the decision of the Senate leadership to move the DREAM Act forward as part of the Department of Defense Authorization Bill.

AJC strongly supports the DREAM Act, which will afford individuals who came to the United States at an early age and have grown up in this country an opportunity—regardless of their current immigration status—to pursue higher education and contribute to American society.

“These students are an important part of America’s future, and we must give them the opportunity—consistent with the high standards and requirements established in the bill—to complete their education, legalize their status, contribute back to society, and help build the American dream for future generations,” said Richard T. Foltin, Director of National and Legislative Affairs.

Foltin added: “Passing the DREAM Act is an important step in moving us toward desperately needed reform of our immigration system. Even as the DREAM Act addresses the critical needs of the undocumented student population, we must move next to address all aspects of the broken immigration system through a comprehensive solution.”

From its founding in 1906, AJC has been a strong voice in support of fair and generous immigration policies, characterized by the rule of law. AJC participates actively in the current national debate, advocating for bipartisan support for comprehensive immigration reform.