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## National Association of Graduate-Professional Students

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## NAGPS Calls for Action on Comprehensive Immigration Reform

Washington, DC: The National Association of Graduate-Professional Students has launched a campaign supporting comprehensive immigration reform and a call to action for students across the nation. The organization has affirmed their support for the comprehensive immigration reform bill, S.744 through letters to all Senators, urging them to support this important piece of legislation. The bill would increase the number of visas and green cards available to international students with advanced degrees and shorten the pathway to citizenship for DREAM Act eligible students - two key issues in NAGPS' legislative platform. In the letter to the Senate, NAGPS also proposed amendments that would allow student visas to be renewed in the United States and include the biological sciences in the bill's definition of Sciences, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM).

The Senate letter campaign is accompanied by a letter to House leadership asking for similar legislation as well as social media and call-in campaigns. NAGPS has partnered with FWD.US, a new advocacy group started by social media and tech CEOs including Microsoft's Bill Gates and Facebook's Mark Zuckerberg to launch targeted call-in campaigns with schools and universities across the country.

"NAGPS represents all graduate and professional students and we support a bill that recognizes the enormous contributions and capabilities of international and DREAM Act eligible students," stated Meredith Niles, Director of Legislative Affairs for NAGPS.

To view a copy of the Senate letter:

To view a copy of the House letter:

Link to Popvox Campaign:

Link to FWD.US call-in campaign:

Founded in 1987, the National Association of Graduate-Professional Students (NAGPS) is a completely volunteer, student-run, national non-profit organization that represents more than 600,000 graduate and professional students at over 90 institutions across the United States. NAGPS sustains a member network that connects graduate and professional students, shares resources, provides benefits and



training, and advocates at the state, regional and national level to give a voice to all graduate and professional students.

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