

August 14, 2023

The Honorable Maria Elvira Salazar
2162 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Veronica Escobar
2448 Rayburn House Office
Washington, DC 20515

Re: Cleaning Coalition of America Support for H.R. 3599, the DIGNIDAD (Dignity) Act of 2023

Dear Congresswoman Maria Salazar and Congresswoman Veronica Escobar,

The Cleaning Coalition of America (CCA), which employs more than one million professional cleaners across all 50 states and advocates for equitable labor policies and strong cleanliness standards that promote healthy schools and safe workplaces, writes today in support of several key provisions of H.R. 3599, the DIGNIDAD (Dignity) Act of 2023. The CCA believes this legislation would benefit our member companies by providing commonsense work authorization pathways, alleviating the professional cleaning industry's workforce shortage and increasing the pipeline of essential workers.

Like many industries today, CCA has struggled to find workers to fill open roles. Our members provide essential jobs that pay living wages and professional growth opportunities. CCA not only promotes safe and healthy work environments, but is an important economic engine, fostering life altering opportunities from entry-level roles to long-term careers that help families achieve the American Dream.

The bipartisan introduction of the DIGNIDAD Act is an important first step in helping solve this critical issue that has widespread impacts across our economy. We are pleased to see the bill gaining bipartisan support.

Specifically, we support provisions that would create a process by which eligible undocumented immigrants who have been in the United States for five years or more are able to join the legal workforce, fill open positions, and help grow the U.S. economy. Conservative estimates show that this legislation would allow 10-11 million people to work legally in the U.S., almost overnight. Additionally, we support provisions that would expedite the processing of asylum cases, speeding up asylees' ability to work and support their families.

We are grateful to you both for taking a serious, thoughtful approach to this issue as our country faces the worst labor crisis in decades and look forward to continuing to engage with your offices on the bill.

Sincerely,



Josh Feinberg
President
Cleaning Coalition of America

