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The Honorable Pete Aguilar  
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I'm Pete Aguilar, chair of the House Democratic Caucus. For four generations, my family has called California home. I grew up in San Bernardino, a working-class community defined by family, faith, and hard work. These values—shared by Latino families across this country—are what made my family's American dream possible. And only Kamala Harris and Tim Walz will protect the American dream so that every family can earn a living, own a home, and reach their full potential.

This is a vision for America that Donald Trump will never understand—all he knows is chaos and division. He talks about tearing American families apart, pitting neighbor against neighbor, community against community.

Compare that to what Kamala Harris has done as vice president. Almost half a million people who live here and are married to a U.S. citizen can now apply for lawful permanent residence. DACA recipients who graduated college have easier access to work visas. And we would have much more security at the border if Donald Trump hadn't tanked the bipartisan bill.

Folks, we don't have to choose between a secure border and building an America for all. Under President Harris, we can and will do both. As a prosecutor, she took on transnational gangs and cartels. As president, she will fight for pathways to citizenship. And I can tell you, as the highest-ranking Latino in Congress, our community understands the stakes in this election because we believe in the promise of this country.

We believe that our nation is stronger when we keep families together. We believe our union is more perfect when DREAMers become doctors, teachers, construction workers, and military service members. Latinos believe in that American dream and a brighter future—one where we secure our border, fix our broken immigration system, and unlock economic opportunity for all. And together, we will win.

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