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The Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee issued the following news release:

Congressman David Valadao wants the people of California to believe that he's fighting for immigration, but when push comes to shove, he just keeps standing in the way of bipartisan reform.

The latest example: Congressman Valadao is still refusing to sign on to a petition that would allow an immediate vote on **immigration reform** - all because he refuses to cross party lines and work with Democrats. In fact, his office told CNN (<http://politicalticker.blogs.cnn.com/2014/03/24/house-democrats-to-try-to-force-a-vote-on-immigration/>) that "a discharge petition is legislatively not productive [] if they had 218 votes for the bill, this wouldn't be an issue."

"Time and again, Congressman Valadao has frustrated the Central Valley on **immigration reform** by refusing to **push** to fix our broken **immigration** system," said Tyrone Gayle of the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee. "Congressman Valadao and **House** Republicans are blocking a vote on comprehensive **immigration reform** - even though they know it has the votes to pass. Central Valley families won't forget Congressman Valadao's record of inaction and history of anti-immigrant actions in November."

BACKGROUND:

Congressman Valadao Opposed Signing Discharge Petition Allowing Immediate Vote on Bipartisan **House Immigration** Bill. In March 2014, Anna Raquel Vetter, Valadao's communications director, said that Valadao was opposed to signing a discharge petition that would bring the **House** comprehensive **immigration reform** bill to an immediate vote. If 218 of 435 **House** members sign the discharge petition, it will force a vote on the comprehensive **immigration** bill."But a discharge petition is legislatively not productive if they had 218 votes for the bill, this wouldn't be an issue," Vetter said on behalf of Valadao. [CNN, 3/24/14 (<http://politicalticker.blogs.cnn.com/2014/03/24/house-democrats-to-try-to-force-a-vote-on-immigration/>)]

Despite Previously Gloating about his Co-sponsorship of the **House** Bill. In October 2013, Valadao co-sponsored the **House** comprehensive **immigration reform** bill and released a statement promoting his support. "By supporting H.R. 15 I am strengthening my message: Addressing **immigration reform** in the **House** cannot wait I am serious about making real progress and will remain committed to doing whatever it takes to repair our broken **immigration** system," Valadao wrote. [H.R. 15, Co-sponsored 10/30/13 (<http://beta.congress.gov/bill/113th-congress/house-bill/15/cosponsors?q=%7B%22search%22%3A%5B%22hr15%22%5D%2C%22party%22%3A%22Republican%22%7D%7D>): Huffington Post, 10/30/13 (http://www.huffingtonpost.com/2013/10/30/david-valadao-immigration_n_4178844.html)]

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Valadao Opposed Signing Discharge Petition for Bipartisan Senate **Immigration** Bill. In February 2014, Valadao opposed Sen. Chuck Schumer's proposal to use a discharge petition to bring the Senate comprehensive **immigration reform** bill to a vote. "No, there's just no way," Valadao said. Tal Eslick, Valadao's chief of staff, added the following: "Congressman Valadao does not believe there is sufficient support among **House** Republicans to support a discharge petition related to the Senate **immigration** bill, nor does he believe that is the best path forward." [Politico, 2/28/14 (<http://www.politico.com/story/2014/02/republicans-immigration-reform-discharge-petition-104080.html>); 91.3 HQR, 2/13/14 (<http://whqr.org/post/takeover-hopes-fade-house-democrats-remain-upbeat>)]

Valadao Said "He Did Not Have Plans to Increase Pressure on His Republican Colleagues" on **Immigration Reform**. In September 2013, the New York Times reported that "While Mr. Valadao said he did not have plans to increase pressure on his Republican colleagues, other local leaders have been more willing to openly voice criticism" to **push House** Republicans to take up **immigration reform**. [New York Times, 9/07/13 (<http://www.nytimes.com/2013/09/08/us/politics/house-republicans-in-california-find-a-struggle-on-immigration.html?pagewanted=2&r=1&>)]

Valadao Voted to Jeopardize Dreamers. In 2014, Valadao voted for the Executive Needs to Faithfully Observe and Respect Congressional Enactments (ENFORCE) of the Law Act of 2014, which the Huffington Post reported "could end the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals policy that keeps the [Dreamers] people from being deported." The bill passed 233 to 181. [H.R. 4138, Vote #124 (<http://clerk.house.gov/evs/2014/roll124.xml>), 3/12/14; Huffington Post, 3/12/14 (http://www.huffingtonpost.com/2014/03/12/house-immigration_n_4950425.html?ncid=tweetlinkushpmg00000016)]

Voted Against CA DREAM Act Pt. 1: Allowing Private Scholarships for Undocumented Immigrants. In 2011, Valadao voted against a bill that would allow undocumented immigrants to receive privately funded scholarships to attend the state's public colleges and universities. The bill passed the Assembly, 51-22, and was signed into law. [AB 130, 5/05/11; Reuters, 7/25/11 (<http://www.reuters.com/article/2011/07/25/us-usa-california-dream-idUSTRE76O6FV20110725>)]

Voted Against CA DREAM Act Pt. 2: Allowing State Financial Aid for Undocumented Immigrants. In 2011, Valadao voted against a bill that would allow undocumented immigrants to qualify for state financial aid to attend the state's public colleges and universities. The bill passed the Assembly, 48-27, and was signed into law. [AB 131, 9/02/11; Los Angeles Times, 10/09/11]

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