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Statement from Senate Democratic Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins on the Assembly's Passage of the NYS Dream Act

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"I congratulate the Assembly for passing the comprehensive New York State Dream Act. It is now time for the Senate to follow their lead and pass this bill immediately.

"New York's immigrant population has always been critical to our social, economic, and cultural fabric. Students of good character who, through no fault of their own have resided here for years, deserve an opportunity to achieve and contribute to the American dream. To cut their educational opportunities off deprives us all."

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