



Senator Butler on Immigration and Citizenship

Senator Laphonza Butler has been an advocate for a more equitable and humane immigration system, focusing on creating legal pathways, protecting vulnerable migrant populations, and supporting communities impacted by immigration policies. Her leadership extends from protecting migrant children to advocating for long-term undocumented residents. [In the Senate, Senator Butler has shown a commitment to legislative efforts that uphold the democratic ideals of freedom, fairness, and opportunity for all who call the United States home.](#)

Key Legislative Accomplishments

- ***Keep Families Together Act (S. 4723)***: Senator Butler [introduced legislation](#) to **prevent the separation of children from their parents at the U.S. border**, except in extraordinary circumstances. The bill would help address the trauma caused by family separations, reaffirming the importance of family unity and the protection of children's rights.
- ***Renewing Immigration Provisions of the Immigration Act of 1929 (S. 2606)***: Senator Butler [supported efforts](#) to modernize the Registry statute, creating a pathway for long-term undocumented immigrants to apply for legal status.
- ***Protecting Unaccompanied Children Act (S. 3128)***: Acknowledging the unique vulnerabilities of unaccompanied minors, Senator Butler cosponsored legislation that proposes stronger safeguards to ensure that these children are not exploited, trafficked, or abused. This includes improving screening, care, and placement processes, as well as providing access to legal support services.
- ***Fair Day in Court for Kids Act (S. 3065)***: As part of her commitment to protecting migrant children, Senator Butler cosponsored this legislation to provide legal representation to unaccompanied minors in immigration proceedings. This bill would ensure that vulnerable children have a fair chance to navigate the legal system, reinforcing the importance of fairness and justice for all, particularly the youngest members of immigrant communities.

Notable Committee Work and Advocacy

- ***Hearings on the Treatment of Migrant Children***: Senator Butler has been a [vocal advocate in committee hearings](#), focusing on the treatment and rights of migrant children. She has consistently called for **reforms to ensure that children, regardless of their immigration status, are treated with dignity and care**. Her advocacy has been pivotal in pushing for stronger legal protections and better oversight of child welfare within immigration systems.

- ***Advocacy for DACA Recipients:*** Through her work, Senator Butler has [championed the rights of DACA recipients](#), advocating for a path to citizenship. Her efforts aim to ensure that young people who have grown up in the United States can continue to contribute to the country's future, highlighting the importance of giving all youth the opportunity to participate in and uphold democratic ideals.