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Democratic Hispanic Caucus Pushes to Help Jacksonville Student

Ronald Córdova is a senior at Wolfson High School in Jacksonville, who wants to go onto college. As a beneficiary of Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA), Córdova couldn't obtain affordable tuition until recently a glimmer of hope presented itself, when the State Legislature approved in-state tuition for immigrant students like Córdova, who arrived in this country as minors and have navigated our public education system, ready to attend college, and contribute to our society. This is why we urge Governor Rick Scott to sign this bill into law so that students like Córdova can benefit.

Córdova could not do it alone, however. He and others like him need organizations like the Democratic Hispanic Caucus of Florida, to raise their voices on his behalf. That's exactly what we did recently, when caucus members traveled to Tallahassee, during the legislative session to lobby our representatives on bills (SB738, SB300, and SB096) to improve the lives of students like Córdova.

Our mission is to engage the growing Hispanic community in public affairs and foster better and more representative government for our community. By going to Tallahassee, we demonstrated our presence and weighed in on an important issue affecting the Hispanic community nationwide.

Now it's up to Congress to pass immigration reform to assist millions of DACA children, such as Ronaldo Córdova, to obtain financial assistance, loans, and scholarships to help him reach the American Dream of Prosperity.