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Schumer Confident Pathway to Citizenship Will Pass

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Chuck Schumer remains "optimistic" that when Congress returns next month House Republicans will eventually allow some form of a pathway to citizenship in its immigration bill, saying that he sees the "green sprouts" starting to emerge for such a bill. "Republican leadership is talking about things they didn't before," he said.

Appearing on *Morning Joe* earlier today, the New York Democrat predicted that pressure from "economic conservatives" such as the Cato Institute and the *Wall Street Journal* editorial board will play a role in influencing the House GOP.

Schumer showed no signs of budging on the issue; when asked if he would accept a plan that would give illegal immigrants legal status but not citizenship, Schumer responded, "I don't think that would be acceptable."