

## **Support DACA and the DREAM Act of 2017**

Dear

I am one of your constituents, and my faith teaches and calls me to welcome the stranger, stand with the vulnerable, and love my neighbor.

That is why I'm calling on you to do everything in your power to protect DACA recipients and support the DREAM Act. This legislation will ensure that undocumented youth can stay in the United States and pursue a path to citizenship.

God commands: "Bring water to the thirsty, meet the fugitive with bread... For they have fled from the swords, from the drawn sword, from the bent bow, and from the stress of battle." (Isaiah 21:14-15)

But, right now, the administration has done the precise opposite in announcing termination of the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program. This action puts the nearly 800,000 young people, whom the program allows to work and live legally in the United States, at immediate risk of deportation.

It is because of my faith values that I oppose the Trump Administration's decision to terminate the DACA program. This action sends a clear, unwelcoming, and mean-spirited message of exclusion and anti-immigrant sentiment in turning our backs on immigrants who are our valued community members.

Dismantling the DACA program runs counter to my beliefs as an American and person of faith. DACA has allowed thousands to pursue their dreams, live without fear of deportation in the country they call home, and invest in their future and the future of our country. Ending DACA recipients' ability to live and work legally in this country is morally reprehensible, denying hundreds of thousands of young people the chance to integrate and thrive. Our immigrant brothers and sisters deserve dignity, welcome, and the opportunity to flourish.

We have a moral obligation to welcome the immigrant, uphold the innate dignity of all people, and affirm our nation's greatest value of creating brighter futures for all of us. Immigrant youth are no different from many of our ancestors who came to this country searching for the same chance at a better life.

I need you to protect DACA recipients and pass the DREAM Act, legislation that would provide a permanent solution for young people and their families to remain in the country they call home.

That is the right thing, and the American thing, to do.

Thank you for your time.

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