

United States Conference of Catholic Bishops/Justice for Immigrants' Action Alert to the U.S. Senate:

PLEASE PROTECT DACA RECIPIENTS

The U.S. Supreme Court (SCOTUS) has ruled on the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program. While SCOTUS allowed DACA to continue, the Administration can still attempt to end DACA at a later date. As a result, DACA immigrant youth are safe for now, but could be at risk for deportation in the future. We must not allow this to happen.

Most DACA recipients have spent the majority of their lives in the U.S., many have families, and all of them contribute to American society as taxpayers, consumers, and community members. Additionally, there are 62,000 DACA-eligible healthcare workers involved in the COVID-19 response.

The U.S. House of Representatives passed the American Dream and Promise Act, H.R. 6, one year ago. H.R. 6 would give a path to citizenship for Dreamers. Now, in the wake of SCOTUS' ruling, the U.S. Senate must act in order to protect Dreamers from the risk of deportation and family separation. The USCCB supports the DREAM Act, which includes a path to citizenship, and sent a letter to each Senator asking that they support S. 874, the DREAM Act of 2019. Additionally, USCCB supports efforts to introduce a Senate companion to H.R. 6.

As Catholics, we affirm the inherent dignity of every person. The U.S. Catholic Bishops urge you to express solidarity with Dreamers and ask you to contact your Senators requesting that they support the bipartisan DREAM Act of 2019 and encourage the Senate to introduce a companion bill to H.R. 6, the American Dream and Promise Act.

TAKE ACTION

Urge your U.S. Senators to co-sponsor and support S. 874, the DREAM Act, which would protect Dreamers and provide a path to U.S. citizenship. Also urge your Senators to introduce and co-sponsor a companion bill to H.R. 6, the American Dream and Promise Act.

Please send the following message to your Senators:

Dear Senator,

As a member of the Justice for Immigrants (JFI) coalition of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, I urge you to co-sponsor and support S. 874, the DREAM Act, a bipartisan bill that would protect Dreamers and provide these immigrants with a path to citizenship. I also ask that you introduce and co-sponsor a companion bill to H.R. 6, the American Dream and Promise Act.

The Catholic Church strongly supports Dreamers and their families. Dreamers are working and contribute \$52 billion annually to our economy. They are a part of our Church and valuable parts of our communities.

Thank for your consideration.

Please take action and others to do so as well.

The time is NOW for you to use your voice to protect DREAMERS!