

ACTION ALERT

Office of Peace, Justice and Ecological Integrity
Sisters of Charity of Saint Elizabeth

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As you may know, the bipartisan Dream Act of 2017 ([S. 1615](#) / [HR. 3440](#)) was recently introduced in Congress. The Senate and House bills are intended to protect immigrant youth who entered the United States as children and know America as their only home. The bills offer qualifying immigrant youth "conditional permanent resident status" and a path to full lawful permanent residency and eventual citizenship. These bills would protect numerous youth, including the over 780,000 individuals who received temporary relief from deportation and employment eligibility through the Department of Homeland Security's Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program.

The young people S. 1615 / H.R. 3440 seeks to protect are members of our communities, contributors to our economy, veterans of our military, academic standouts in our universities, and leaders in our parishes and communities. As Catholics who are committed to protecting the human dignity of every human person, we have long supported DREAMers.

We ask you to renew your support for DREAMers by urging your Senators to co-sponsor S. 1615 and your Representative to co-sponsor H.R. 3440.

ACTION: Follow this link to email your senators and representative about the Dream Act.

http://capwiz.com/justiceforimmigrants/issues/alert/?alertid=78520626&queueid=%5bcapwiz:queue_id%5d

PRAYER:

For all those who see “home” and all it means disappear behind them;
For all those who cannot see a home in the days ahead of them;
For all those who dwell in daily insecurity; For all those who are weary and without a safe
place to rest their heads; For all families in migration we pray.

May the image of the Holy Family

Fleeing oppression stay with us.

And may it stay with us each night as we are blessed with returning to a home.

May we also be blessed with compassion for those still weary, still seeking,
still with so far to go.

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