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RE: 155 organizations call on DHS and USCIS to immediately reinstate DACA as implemented in 2012 and work with the Senate to immediately pass the American Dream and Promise Act

Dear Acting Secretary Wolf and Deputy Director Edlow,

The undersigned 155 organizations, which work across the legal services, education, human rights, advocacy, labor, and faith sectors, write today regarding the Supreme Court’s June 18, 2020, decision in Department of Homeland Security et al. v. Regents of the University of California et al. The decision upholds the rule of law and justice and reflects the moral and interfaith values shared across this country -- every person, regardless of where they happened to be born, deserves to be treated with dignity, compassion, and welcome.

Per the decision, which finds the administration’s attempt to terminate DACA unlawful, we call on the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) and U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) to immediately reinstate DACA as it was originally implemented in 2012. Reinstatement should include accepting initial applications as well as granting advance parole to those who qualify.

As part of the reinstatement, USCIS must provide extensive public outreach and education for current and potential recipients, their employers, and others impacted by the decision. Education and public outreach should include but not be limited to plain language and in-language online resources, distributing resources on social media and through email listservs, stakeholder calls, and establishing a stakeholder roundtable with legal services providers and members of the impacted community in order to continually exchange information and provide feedback.

Finally, we call on DHS and USCIS leadership in the strongest possible terms to reach out and work with other appropriate parties in the administration and the Senate to immediately pass the American Dream and Promise Act, (as it was passed in the House as H.R. 6), and provide a pathway to citizenship for
DACA recipients as well as TPS holders. DHS and USCIS should maintain DACA and TPS during this process and not rescind unless and until a smooth, successful transition has been made. In addition to DACA recipients and TPS holders being interwoven and indispensable members of American society, the consequences of terminating during the COVID-19 pandemic would be catastrophic for them, their families, employers, and the country as a whole. As you know, hundreds of thousands of DACA recipients and TPS holders are essential workers, serving their communities at this moment of crisis.

Please contact CLINIC’s Director of Advocacy, Jill Marie Bussey, at jbussey@cliniclegal.org and United We Dream’s Advocacy Director, Sanaa Abrar, at sanaa@unitedwedream.org with any questions or next steps.

Sincerely,

Adhikaar
African American Ministers In Action
African Communities Together
Alianza Americas
Alianza Nacional de Campesinas
Alianza Sacramento
American Federation of Teachers (AFT)
American Immigration Council
American Immigration Lawyers Associations
American Muslim Empowerment Network (AMEN)
American-Arab Anti-Discrimination Committee (ADC)
Americans for Immigrant Justice
America’s Voice
Arkansas United
ASISTA
Association of Mexicans in North Carolina, Inc. (AMEXCAN)
AsylumConnect
Cabrini Immigrant Services of NYC
California Immigrant Policy Center
Cameroon American Council
Caminando Juntos - Presentation Sisters Hispanic Ministry
Campaign for Immigrant Detention Reform (CIDR)
CARECN of Northern CA
Casa de Esperanza: National Latin@ Network for Healthy Families & Communities
Catholic Charities Archdiocese of Boston
Catholic Legal Immigration Network, Inc.
Catholic Legal Services, Archdiocese of Miami
Center for American Progress
Center for Gender & Refugee Studies
Center for Law and Social Policy (CLASP)
Center for Worker Justice of Eastern Iowa  
Central American Resource Center  
Central Washington Justice For Our Neighbors  
Central West Justice Center  
Centro Legal de la Raza  
Chesapeake Multicultural Resource Center  
Christian Community Development Association  
Church of Our Saviour/La Iglesia de Nuestro Salvador  
Church World Service  
Cleveland Jobs with Justice/Immigration Working Group CLE  
Colorado Immigrant Rights Coalition - CIRC  
Columban Center for Advocacy and Outreach  
Comunidades Unidas  
Conference for Mercy Higher Education  
Conference of Presentation Sisters  
Congregation of Our Lady of Charity of the Good Shepherd, U.S. Provinces  
Convencion Bautista Hispana de Texas  
Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR)  
Crossing Borders - Dubuque  
DC-MD Justice for our Neighbors  
Disciples Home Missions, Immigration Legal Counsel  
Disciples Refugee and Immigration Ministries  
Dominican Sisters of Houston  
Dream Project  
El CENTRO de Igualdad y Derechos  
Emerald Isle Immigration Center  
Empire Justice Center  
Empowering Pacific Islander Communities (EPIC)  
End Domestic Abuse Wisconsin  
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America  
Faith in Public Life  
Families Belong Together  
Foundry United Methodist Church  
Franciscan Action Network  
Freedom Network USA  
HIAS  
Hispanic Federation  
Human Rights Campaign  
Human Rights First  
Ignatian Solidarity Network  
Illinois Association for College Admission Counseling  
Immigrant Allies of Marshalltown (Iowa)  
Immigrant Legal Advocacy Project
Immigrant Legal Center of Boulder County
Immigration Hub
International Ministry of Jesus Christ's Heart
International Rescue Committee
Iowa Association for College Admission Counseling
Iowa Conference Board Church & Society, UMC
Iowa Justice For Our Neighbors
Iowans for Immigrant Freedom
Jesuit Conference Office of Justice and Ecology
Jobs With Justice Education Fund
Just Neighbors
Justice for Our Neighbors - Marshalltown Clinic
Kids in Need of Defense
La Union del Pueblo Entero (LUPE)
Latin American Coalition
League of Conservation Voters
Legal Aid Justice Center
Maryknoll Office for Global Concerns
Methodist Federation for Social Action, Iowa Chapter
Mexican American Bar Association
Mexican American Legislative Caucus of the Texas House of Representatives
Minnesota Association for College Admission Counseling
Motivation Motivates
Multicultural Efforts to end Sexual Assault (MESA)
National Advocacy Center of the Sisters of the Good Shepherd
National Association for College Admission Counseling
National Immigration Project of the National Lawyers Guild
National Network for Immigrant & Refugee Rights
National Partnership for New Americans
Nebraska Appleseed
NETWORK Lobby for Catholic Social Justice
New York Immigration Coalition
Next100
National Immigration Law Center
NM Dream Team
Office of Peace, Justice, and Ecological Integrity/ Sisters of Charity of Saint Elizabeth
Ohio Association for College Admission Counseling
OneJustice
Oxfam America
Pacific Northwest Association for College Admission Counseling
Pennsylvania Council of Churches
Pennsylvania Immigration and Citizenship Coalition
PHENOM (Public Higher Education Network of Massachusetts)
Plymouth UCC Welcoming Migrants Committee
Presidents’ Alliance on Higher Education and Immigration
RAICES
Rian Immigrant Center
School Sisters of Notre Dame, Central Pacific Province
Seattle Immigrant Rights Action Group
SEIU 32BJ
SEIU-United Service Workers West
Service Employees International Union (SEIU)
Sisters of Charity, BVM
Sisters of Mercy of the Americas Justice Team
Sisters of St. Dominic of Blauvelt, New York
Sisters of St. Francis of the Providence of God
Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet, la probino
Sojourners
South Asian Americans Leading Together (SAALT)
South Dakota Voices for Peace
Southeast Asia Resource Action Center
Southern Border Communities Coalition
Southern Poverty Law Center
STEP UP! Sacramento
Tennessee Immigrant and Refugee Rights Coalition
The Black Alliance for Just Immigration (BAJI)
The Children’s Partnership
The Legal Clinic (Justice for Our Neighbors Hawaii)
U.S. Committee for Refugees and Immigrants
UnidosUS
Union for Reform Judaism
UNITE HERE
United We Dream
Volunteers of Legal Service
Wallingford Indivisible
Washington Immigrant Solidarity Network
Western Association for College Admission Counseling
Wind of the Spirit Immigrant Resource Center
WOLA (Washington Office on Latin America)
Workers Center of Central New York
Young Center for Immigrant Children’s Rights
Young Invincibles