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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 <u>jbussey@cliniclegal.org</u> and United We Dream's Advocacy Director, Sanaa Abrar, at <u>sanaa@unitedwedream.org</u> with any questions or next steps.

Sincerely,

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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)

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