

May 21, 2019,

Dear Speaker Pelosi, Leader McCarthy, Chairman Nadler, and Ranking Member Collins,

We, the undersigned national, state, and local education, civil and human rights, LGBTQ+, labor, national security, faith, grassroots, and immigrants' rights organizations, write to express our support for the American Dream and Promise Act as it goes before the House Judiciary Committee for markup. The legislation would put immigrant youth known as Dreamers and long-time beneficiaries of Temporary Protected Status (TPS) and Deferred Enforced Departure (DED) on a roadmap to citizenship.

Over the past two years, the Trump administration has taken steps to end Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) and strip status from nearly every individual with TPS and all of those with DED. Only a small number of preliminary injunctions prevent these individuals from facing the prospect of detention and deportation. The administration's actions are inflicting enormous pain and uncertainty on more than a million people—not to mention their families and their communities who face an impending separation crisis.

These individuals live in every state and every congressional district. They are our classmates and our teachers, our coworkers and our employers. They worship with us and help to keep us safe. They contribute to our great nation in myriad ways. The average DACA recipient came to the country at age six, while the average TPS holder has been in the country for 22 years. Between them, they have nearly 500,000 U.S. citizen children, not to mention many hundreds of thousands more U.S. citizen parents, spouses, and siblings, all of whom are suffering already and will suffer still more if the Trump administration is successful in ending their protections.

Dreamers and beneficiaries of TPS and DED also are vital to the economic health of our nation: They work in a range of critical industries, from construction—particularly in states such as Texas, California, Florida, Virginia, and North Carolina that are still recovering from natural disasters—to child care, to health care, to education, and more. Many work for Fortune 500 companies or have started their own businesses, creating jobs and economic opportunities for their fellow Americans. They pay billions of dollars in federal, state, and local taxes each year.

And while court rulings have allowed current DACA beneficiaries, and TPS holders from El Salvador, Haiti, Honduras, Nepal, Nicaragua, and Sudan, the opportunity to maintain protections for now, the Trump administration is fighting back aggressively. These court injunctions also offer no relief to Dreamers who were eligible for DACA, or would have aged into DACA, but were locked out of the program when the Trump administration ended it, or to TPS holders from countries not now covered by the preliminary court orders. Moreover, just 3 days before Liberians with DED who have lived and worked in the United States lawfully since at least 2002—and many for far longer—were going to lose their status and find themselves vulnerable to being ripped from their families and communities, detained and deported, the Trump administration announced a one-year reprieve.

There are many parts of the immigration system that urgently need fixing, but protecting Dreamers and beneficiaries of TPS and DED cannot wait. It is long past time to recognize that

these individuals are part of the American family and merit protection from deportation, permanent status, and a path to eventual citizenship. They and their families and communities at long last deserve the peace of mind to be able to plan ahead and make a better life that others take for granted. We stand ready to work with you to quickly pass this common-sense legislation.

Sincerely,

## **National Groups**

Advocates for Youth  
African American Ministers In Action  
African Communities Together  
AIDS United  
Alianza Americas  
America's Voice  
American Civil Liberties Union  
American Federation of Labor-Congress of Industrial Organizations (AFL-CIO)  
American Federation of Teachers  
American Friends Service Committee  
American GI Forum of the US  
American Immigration Lawyers Association  
American-Arab Anti-Discrimination Committee (ADC)  
Anti-Defamation League  
Asian & Pacific Islander American Health Forum  
Asian American Legal Defense and Education Fund (AALDEF)  
Asian Americans Advancing Justice  
Asian Pacific American Labor Alliance, AFL-CIO  
Asian Pacific Institute on Gender-Based Violence  
ASISTA  
ASPIRA Association  
Association of Latino Administrators and Superintendents  
AsylumConnect  
Athlete Ally  
Autistic Self Advocacy Network  
Bend the Arc: Jewish Action  
Bread for the World  
California Coalition Against Sexual Assault (CALCASA)  
Casa de Esperanza: National Latina Network for Healthy Families and Communities  
Center for American Progress  
Center for Popular Democracy  
Center for Victims of Torture  
CenterLink: The Community of LGBT Centers  
Centro de los Derechos del Migrante, Inc.  
Christian Community Development Association  
Church World Service

Citizens for Criminal JUSTICE  
Clearinghouse on Women's Issues  
Coalition on Human Needs  
Columban Center for Advocacy and Outreach  
Columbia Law School Immigrants' Rights Clinic  
Communications Workers of America  
Congregation of Our Lady of the Good Shepherd, US Provinces  
Congressional Hispanic Caucus Institute  
Council for Global Equality  
Council of Administrators of Special Education  
Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR)  
Daily Kos  
Defending Rights & Dissent  
Democrats for Education Reform  
Diaspora in Action  
Disability Rights Education & Defense Fund (DREDF)  
Disciples Refugee & Immigration Ministries  
Earthjustice  
EDGE Consulting  
Educators for Excellence  
Episcopal Diocese of S.E Florida  
Fair Immigration Reform Movement (FIRM)  
Faith in Public Life  
Families Belong Together  
Family Action Network Movement (FANM)  
Farmworker Justice  
Federation des Associations Regionales Haitiennes de la Diaspora (FAREHD)  
Federation of Liberia Mandingo Associations in the USA  
Feminist Majority Foundation  
First Focus  
Fondasyon Mapou  
FORGE, Inc.  
Franciscan Action Network  
Freedom for Immigrants  
Freedom Forward  
Freedom Network USA  
Friends Committee on National Legislation  
Gender Spectrum  
Generation Progress  
GLMA: Health Professionals Advancing LGBTQ Equality  
GLSEN  
Grand Kru County Development Association in the Americas  
GreenLatinos  
HIAS  
Hip Hop Caucus  
Hispanic Association of Colleges and Universities (HACU)

Hispanic Federation  
Hispanic National Bar Association  
Hispanics in Philanthropy  
HOPE Border Institute  
Human Rights Campaign  
Human Rights Watch  
Immigration Hub  
In Our Own Voice: National Black Women's Reproductive Justice Agenda  
Indivisible  
Institute for Justice & Democracy in Haiti  
Interfaith Worker Justice  
International Association for College Admission Counseling  
International Rescue Committee (IRC)  
InterReligious Task Force on Central America and Colombia  
Japanese American Citizens League  
Jewish Council for Public Affairs  
Jobs With Justice  
Kids in Need of Defense  
KIPP  
Labor Council For Latin American Advancement  
Latin America Working Group (LAWG)  
LatinoJustice PRLDEF  
Leadership Conference of Women Religious  
League of Women Voters of the United States  
Main Street Alliance  
MALDEF  
MANA, A National Latina Organization  
Mennonite Central Committee U.S. Washington Office  
Mi Familia Vota  
MomsRising  
Movement Advancement Project  
MoveOn  
NAACP  
NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund, Inc.  
NARAL Pro-Choice America  
National Action Network  
National Advocacy Center of the Sisters of the Good Shepherd  
National Asian Pacific American Women's Forum (NAPAWF)  
National Association for College Admission Counseling  
National Association of Hispanic Federal Executives  
National Black Justice Coalition  
National Center for Lesbian Rights  
National Center for Transgender Equality  
National Coalition Against Domestic Violence  
National Council of Churches  
National Council of Jewish Women

National Domestic Violence Hotline  
National Domestic Workers Alliance  
National Education Association  
National Employment Law Project  
National Employment Lawyers Association  
National Equality Action Team (NEAT)  
National Health Law Program  
National Hispanic Medical Association  
National Human Services Assembly  
National Immigrant Justice Center  
National Immigration Law Center  
National Institute for Reproductive Health (NIRH)  
National Korean American Service & Education Consortium (NAKASEC)  
National Latina Institute for Reproductive Health  
National Latinx Psychological Association  
National LGBTQ Task Force Action Fund  
National Network for Immigrant and Refugee Rights  
National Organization for Women  
National Partnership for New Americans  
National Partnership for Women & Families  
National Queer Asian Pacific Islander Alliance (NQAPIA)  
National Religious Campaign Against Torture  
National Skills Coalition  
National Survivor Network  
National Women's Law Center  
NETWORK Lobby  
NextGen America  
NHCSL - The National Hispanic Caucus of State Legislators  
OutServe-SLDN  
Oxfam America  
People's Action Institute  
Physicians for Reproductive Health  
Planned Parenthood Federation of America  
Population Connection Action Fund  
Positive Women's Network USA  
Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)  
Presidents' Alliance on Higher Education and Immigration  
Pride at Work  
Public Citizen  
School Social Work Association of America  
SchoolHouse Connection  
Service Employees International Union  
Sexuality Information and Education Council of the United States (SIECUS)  
Sierra Club  
Sisters of Mercy of the Americas - Institute Justice Team  
Sisters of Mercy South Central Community

Sojourners  
South Asian Americans Leading Together (SAALT)  
Southern Border Communities Coalition  
SparkAction  
Stand for Children  
Sull and Associates, PLLC  
T'ruah: The Rabbinic Call for Human Rights  
TASH  
Teach Plus  
The Education Trust  
The Pluralism Project  
The Revolutionary Love Project  
The United Methodist Church - General Board of Church and Society  
Truman National Security Project  
UFW Foundation  
Ujima, Inc.: The National Center on Violence Against Women in the Black Community  
ULAA  
UndocuBlack Network  
UnidosUS  
Union for Reform Judaism  
Unión=Fuerza Latinx Institute  
Unitarian Universalist Association  
Unitarian Universalist Service Committee  
UNITE HERE  
United Farm Workers (UFW)  
United Nimba Citizens' Council (UNICCO)  
United States Hispanic Leadership Institute  
United We Dream  
URGE: Unite for Reproductive & Gender Equity  
Voices for Progress  
Voto Latino  
Washington DC Area Liberia Mandingo Association  
Washington Office on Latin America (WOLA)  
We Are All America  
Win Without War  
Witness to Mass Incarceration  
Women for Afghan Women  
Working Families United  
Year Up  
Young Center for Immigrant Children's Rights  
Young Invincibles  
YWCA USA

## **State and Local Groups**

350Seattle  
Academy of Medical & Public Health Services  
Adhikaar  
Advocates for Basic Legal Equality, Inc.  
AFSC Colorado  
Al Otro Lado  
All Saints Church  
Alliance for a Better Community  
Apostle Immigrant Services, Corporation  
Arab American Association of New York  
Arizona Center for Empowerment (ACE)  
Arizona Dream Act Coalition  
Arkansas United  
Arsht Cannon Fund  
Asian Counseling & Referral Service  
Association of Haitian Women (AFAB)  
Breakthrough Schools  
Cabrini Immigrant Services of NYC, Inc.  
CAIR Florida  
CARECEN DC  
CASA  
Casa Latina  
Catholic Charities Tompkins/Tioga  
Catholic Legal Services, Archdiocese of Miami  
Causa Oregon  
Center for the Human Rights of Children, Loyola University Chicago School of Law  
Central Indiana Jobs With Justice  
Children's Defense Fund-New York  
Chinese-American Planning Council  
Clergy and laity United for Economic Justice  
Cleveland Jobs with Justice  
Coalition for Humane Immigrant Rights (CHIRLA)  
Coalition of Refugee Service Agencies  
Colorado Immigrant Rights Coalition  
Columbia Legal Services  
CONNECT Safe Families Peaceful Communities  
Connecticut Students for a Dream  
Conversations with Friends  
Culinary Union  
DC Coalition Against Domestic Violence  
DMV Sanctuary Congregation Network  
Dolores Street Community Services  
DoTheMostGood Montgomery County, MD  
Dreamer Fund

DRUM: Desis Rising Up and Moving  
East Texas Justice For Our Neighbors  
El Concilio/Hispanic American Council  
El Rescate  
Emerald Isle Immigration Center  
Employee Rights Center  
End Domestic Abuse WI  
Enlace Comunitario  
Entre Hermanos  
Equality California  
Equality North Carolina  
Family Rights Network  
FL Immigrant Coalition  
Florida Coastal School of law Clinical Programs  
Friends of Broward Detainees  
Friends of Miami-Dade Detainees  
Fuerza del Valle  
Gainesville Interfaith Alliance for Immigrant Justice  
Georgia AFL-CIO  
Georgia Association of Latino Elected Officials (GALEO)  
Georgia Equality  
Georgia NAACP  
H.O.P.E. Ministries of Georgia, Inc.  
Haitian American Democratic Club of Broward County  
HAITIAN ARTISTS ASSEMBLY OF MASSACHUSETTS  
Haitian Bridge Alliance  
Haitian Centers Council, Inc.  
Haitian-Americans United, Inc. (H.A.U.)  
Hispanic Federation Connecticut State Office  
Hispanics In Politics  
II Los Angeles  
Illinois Accountability Initiative  
Illinois Association for College Admission Counseling  
Immigrant Allies of Marshalltown  
Immigrant Family Services Institute  
Immigrant Law Center of Minnesota  
Immigrant Legal Advocacy Project  
Indivisible Eastside-WA  
Indivisible Vashon  
Inland Empire Immigrant Youth Collective  
Intercommunity Justice and Peace Center  
International Institute of Buffalo  
Jefferson County Immigrant Rights Advocates  
Jews United for Justice  
Kansas People's Action  
Kentucky Association for College Admission Counseling



La Union del Pueblo Entero (LUPE)  
Legal Aid Justice Center  
Living United for Change in Arizona (LUCHA)  
Lorain Ohio Immigrant Rights Association  
Los Angeles Area Chamber of Commerce  
Los Angeles LGBT Center  
Loyola University Chicago Civitas Child Law Center  
Maine Community Integration  
Maine Equal Justice  
Maine Immigrants' Rights Coalition  
Maine People's Alliance  
Maine Women's Lobby  
Make the Road New Jersey  
Make the Road NY  
Make the Road PA  
MAPS-AMEN (American Muslim Empowerment Network)  
Massachusetts Communities Action Network  
Massachusetts Immigrant and Refugee Advocacy Coalition (MIRA)  
Migrant Center for Human Rights  
MinKwon Center for Community Action  
Minnesota Association of College Admissions Counselors MACAC  
Missouri Association for College Admissions Counseling  
Muslim Youth Collective - Indianapolis  
Muslim-Jewish Solidarity Committee  
National Lawyers Guild - Los Angeles Chapter  
Nebraska Appleseed  
Nevada Association of Latino Administrators and Superintendents  
New England Association of College Admissions Counselors  
New Jersey Alliance for Immigrant Justice  
New Mexico Immigrant Law Center  
New York City Anti-Violence Project  
New York Immigration Coalition  
New York State Association of College Admission Counseling  
NM CAFE  
NM Dream Team  
North County Immigration Task Force  
Northwest Immigrant Rights Project  
Ohio Association of College Admissions Counseling  
Ohio Immigrant Alliance  
OneAmerica  
OneJustice  
Pacific Northwest Association of College Admission Counseling  
Partnership for Southern Equity  
Pennsylvania Association for College Admission Counseling  
Pilipino Workers Center  
Pilipino Workers Center of SC

Progress Florida  
Progressive Leadership Alliance of Nevada  
Proyecto Juan Diego  
Public Counsel  
Puget Sound Advocates for Retirement Action (PSARA)  
Reformed Church of Highland Park  
Rocky Mountain Association for College Admissions Counseling  
Sant La Haitian Neighborhood Center  
SC Appleseed Legal Justice Center  
SEIU 2015  
SEIU 32BJ  
SEIU Healthcare Minnesota  
SEIU Local 1  
SEIU Local 99 Education Workers United  
SEIU United Service Workers West  
Service Employees International Union-Texas  
Silver State Equality  
Sisters of St. Francis, St. Francis Province  
Sisters of Mercy West Midwest Community  
Skagit Immigrant Rights Council  
SLV Immigrant Resource Center  
SOMOS Mayfair  
St Joseph Valley Project Jobs with Justice  
Sudanese American Community NY  
SURJ Montgomery County  
Takoma Park Mobilization  
Tennessee Immigrant and Refugee Rights Coalition  
Texas Association for College Admissions Counseling  
The Campaign for College Opportunity  
The Resurrection Project  
Transformations CDC  
Tuesdays With Toomey Pittsburgh  
Tuesdays with Toomey- Allentown, PA  
UAW Local 4121  
Unite Oregon  
University of Tulsa Legal Clinic  
UnLocal, Inc.  
Vashon - Maury SURJ ~ Showing Up for Racial Justice  
VIDA Legal Assistance, Inc.  
Virginia Coalition of Latino Organizations (VACOLAO)  
Virginia NOW  
Virginia Organizing  
Wallingford Indivisible  
Western Association for College Admission Counseling  
Whitman-Walker Health  
Wind of the Spirit

Wisconsin Mandingo Association of Milwaukee (WIMAM)  
Worker Justice Center of New York