

ACTION ALERT

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

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ISSUE: Oppose President Trump's Reversal on DACA

On Sunday, the White House released a [list of hardline immigration provisions](#) (Click on this link for more information) that threaten to derail the deal between the president and Democratic Minority Leaders Senator Chuck Schumer and Representative Nancy Pelosi to protect young undocumented immigrants who came to the country as children. These new provisions include funding for a wall along the U.S.-Mexico border, a crackdown on minors migrating from violence-torn countries in Central America, and a curb on federal grants to "sanctuary cities" as well as restrictions on legal immigration.

ACTION: Please contact the White House comment line at 202-456-1111 or email the White House [here](#). A sample message is offered below:

"I am a Sister of Charity/Seton Associate. Our Congregation has a history of welcoming new immigrants since 1859. I strongly oppose the anti-immigrant provisions that the president is proposing as conditions for protecting Dreamers. These measures run counter to efforts to strike a bipartisan agreement between the president and the Democratic House and Senate leadership. We need just and humane immigration policies. Protecting the Dreamers is a good first step."

PRAYER:

God of Boundless Charity, in your word we read so many stories about the ones you have protected as they left home in search of a better life. Your servant Ruth said, "Your people will be my people, your God, my God." You loved her and found a place for her in Israel. Scripture inspires us to strive for greater hospitality to the poor, the weak and strangers. You have blessed us with Dreamers who arrived here as children and today seek a way to make their contribution to our common life. We pray for them now. We pray that they will be allowed to work, study and live in safety. We pray that those in authority may turn away from the demons of prejudice, fear and scarcity, that they will set their hearts on acts of

mercy. We pray that you will give us vision and inspire our concrete actions as we seek to realize our goal of liberty and justice for all. May your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Amen.