

# ACTION ALERT

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

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## **ISSUE: Cancellation of DACA (Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals)**

Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) is an American immigration policy founded by the Obama administration in June 2012. DACA allows certain undocumented immigrants who entered the country as minors, to receive a renewable two-year period of deferred action from deportation and eligibility for a work permit. The Trump administration has send signals that a cancellation of DACA is imminent. The faith-based community is planning a national call in day for Thursday, August 31.

**ACTION:** Please call 1-888-496-3502 to be connected to your Representative and then call 1-888-410-0619 to be connected to your Senators' offices.

Sample call in script:

Hi, my name is X and I'm calling from City, State and my zip code is X. I am a person of faith and a Sister of Charity/Seton Associate. I'm deeply concerned about the reports that President Trump could end the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) this week. I support the program and strongly oppose any attempt to terminate or alter it. I urge the Representative/Senator to do everything in his/her power to protect 800,000 DACA-recipients from deportation and support their right to work and study in this country. There are three things I'm hoping your office will do right now. Can the Senator/Representative appeal directly to the President to keep this program in place, issue a public statement of support for DACA recipients, and support a clean passage of S. 1615/H.R. 3440, the Dream Act of 2017.

## **PRAYER:**

God of the journey, God of the traveler,  
We pray for those who leave their homes in search new beginnings and possibilities.  
May they know your presence with them.  
We pray that those who seek to make a home in this country.  
May find us welcoming and willing to help them find a path toward citizenship,  
We pray that our legislators; may they find the wisdom and courage to enact new policies  
that do justice for our country and for those who would immigrate here.

We pray for those who fan the flames of fear and discrimination against the undocumented; may they be touched with your divine compassion. Amen.