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Dear Members of Congress,

As people of faith from many different traditions, we bear witness to how the talent and courage of the DREAM Act youth, or “DREAMers,” are essential contributions to our congregations, our communities, our schools and our local economies. The DREAMers have inspired our congregations to live out their convictions for immigrant justice. During the [DREAM Sabbath Campaign](#), faith communities across the United States had 538 actions, vigils and forums in our faith communities across the country to pass the DREAM Act.

The Interfaith Immigration Coalition applauds the recent actions of President Obama and the Department of Homeland Security to grant deferred action to young people who have been in the United States for at least five consecutive years, graduated from a U.S. high school or hold a GED or served in the military and have no criminal record. This administrative process would provide many DREAMers with relief from detention or deportation and the opportunity to apply for a work permit so they can give back to the country they call home.

We will encourage the Obama Administration and the Department of Homeland Security to ensure that this process is fair, transparent, and accomplishes its intended goals. This is surely a step in the right direction, but two years of relief is not enough. We strongly urge members of Congress to take action to pass the DREAM Act and work harder to develop a just and humane immigration reform for aspiring citizens that will do the following:

- Uphold family unity as a priority for all immigration policies
- Create a process for undocumented immigrants to earn their legal status and eventual citizenship
- Protect workers and provide efficient channels of entry for new migrant workers
- Facilitate immigrant integration
- Restore due process protections and reform detention policies
- Align the enforcement of immigration laws with humanitarian values
- Recognize immigration as a matter of human rights

The Interfaith Immigration Coalition once again praises the Obama Administration for taking action to bring relief to these hard working young new Americans.

We now ask Congress to build on this progress by passing the DREAM Act and enacting sensible, fair, and humane immigration reform.

Sincerely,

Members of the Interfaith Immigration Coalition