

October 24, 2017

Dear Members of Congress,

As executives within the leadership of the Christian Community Development Association and who oversee our national immigration platform, we support and urge you to pass the Dream Act of 2017. (S.1615/H.R. 3440).

The CCDA is a national organization with over 15,000 leaders who share a 30-year collective vision of seeing under-resourced communities holistically restored, with Christians fully engaged in the work of transformation. Because of our philosophy of living in the communities in which we serve, we are able to see first-hand the limitations of our current immigration system and specifically the inability for Dreamers to move their lives forward without permanent status.

As followers of Christ, who calls us to protect the vulnerable and to seek justice on behalf of the oppressed, we at CCDA stand with the nearly 800,000 Dreamers and the thousands of individuals, pastors, leaders, institutions, businesses and organizations who support their future.

These young men and women should be given the opportunity toward a legal and permanent path forward. We believe this is both the moral and compassionate responsibility of our elected leaders and ask that you make this a legislative priority. It will be a dark day in the history of our nation if our political leaders refuse to put partisan politics aside, protecting their own political power, instead of protecting young people who were reared to believe in the values of America and are contributing toward its progress.

We are grateful for the bipartisan work of Senators Durbin (D) & Graham (R) and Representatives Ros-Lehtinen (R) & Roybal-Allard (D) in bringing forth a legislative solution for Dreamers in both chambers of Congress and request that you join their efforts and come together to pass this positive solution.

The Dream Act of 2017 is a solution we need to support the futures of immigrant youth, their families and our communities. As an association we remain committed to working alongside you to pass this legislation which allows Dreamers to flourish as individuals within our collective society.

We ask you, as our nation's leaders, to put legislation in place that protects the lives of Dreamers by passing the Dream Act of 2017.

Sincerely,

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