

Love God, Love Neighbor: Episcopal Month of Action DACA

Thank you for being part of Episcopal Action on DACA week. Even at this uniquely difficult time of the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, we come together for and in solidarity with those who are DACA recipients, also known as Dreamers. We will advocate for a legislative solution to ensure that those who receive DACA are able to remain in the U.S.

As people of faith invested in the work of welcome, we are called to use our voices and share our stories to ensure that elected officials implement humane and just immigration policies. On this Episcopal DACA Action Day, The Episcopal Church Office of Government Relations and Episcopal Migration Ministries invite you to stand with and speak out in support of our friends, neighbors, and fellow Episcopalians who are recipients of DACA.

Five Ways You Can Take Action:

1. **Prepare your statement.**

Prepare to tell your congressional leaders 1) Who you are, 2) Why you care, 3) What you want. Sample language follows on the next page.

2. **Write to your Senators.**

Send an **Action Alert** through the Episcopal Public Policy Network to urge your Senators to take action now to support Dreamers.

3. **Call your Senators.**

Amplify your advocacy by calling in addition to writing. Congressional offices track outreach from their constituents on various issues. Every action you take adds to the swell of support for legislative action. Instructions follow on the next page.

4. **Make a Donation to the DACA Renewal Fund.**

Paying for the DACA and work permit renewal fee can be a barrier for DACA recipients to renew. Contribute to the [United We Dream DACA Renewal fund](#).

5. **Post to Social Media.**

Social media are other important touchpoints tracked by Congressional offices. Post to Facebook and Twitter using #Faith4DACA, #EpiscopalAdvocacy, #HomeisHere, and be sure to tag your Senators. Sample social media post language follows on the next page.

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Sample language for your prepared statement

I write to you as an Episcopalian and a constituent to ask that you vote yes on legislation in support of Dreamers.

After termination of DACA in 2017, this vulnerable population is in danger of being deported and separated from their families and communities here in the U.S. Dreamers are an essential part of our schools, businesses, and faith communities. Failure to pass this legislation would result in devastating consequences for them and their U.S. citizen families or children.

My faith teaches that we should strive for justice for immigrants. As an Episcopalian I want my country to extend mercy to individuals in precarious situations who are critical members of our communities.

Therefore, I urge you to vote yes on legislation to establish permanent protection for Dreamers as the first step towards comprehensive immigration reform.

Call your Senators

You will make two calls to be connected with the offices of your two Senators.

Call the U.S. Capitol Switchboard at (202) 224 - 3121 and ask to be connected to one of your Senators. Repeat this process for your other Senator, either conveying your message to a staffer or leaving a voicemail.

To find your two Senators, visit: www.govtrack.us/congress/members

Sample social media posts

No matter what decision comes out of the #SCOTUS, we stand in solidarity with #DACA recipients, their families and immigrants everywhere. Dreamers deserve to have their human dignity upheld. #Faith4DACA #EpiscopalAdvocacy #HomeisHere

The #SCOTUS could decide the fate of #DACA recipients any time between now and the end of June. Join @TheEPPN and all Episcopalians in lifting up the importance of Dreamers in our communities. #EpiscopalAdvocacy

Congress must act now to protect DREAMers. I'm calling on [@ your Senator] to stand with undocumented youth and support the DREAM Act! #EpiscopalAdvocacy #Faith4DACA

As an Episcopalian I strongly support protecting undocumented young people. That's why I'm reaching out to my Senators TODAY to support the DREAM Act. #EpiscopalAdvocacy #Faith4DACA

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