Pass a Clean Dream Act of 2017

Advance Meaningful Reform, Not Endless Enforcement

President Trump ended the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program leaving almost 800,000 recipients facing an unknown future in six months. Congress is debating adding billions to hire more immigration enforcement and border patrol agents, expand immigrant detention, further militarize bi-national and indigenous border communities, and build additional wall along the southern border. We call on Congress to develop a budget and laws that reflect our shared values, lifts up the dignity of each person, and protect those most in need.

» Congress can be a voice of moral integrity. 800,000 young people went on record with the U.S. government to apply for DACA. Congress must act now to protect DACA recipients from imminent deportation by passing the Dream Act of 2017, which provides a previously unattainable pathway to citizenship for undocumented immigrants who grew up in the United States.

» Congress should not fund endless enforcement. Any additional funding for agents, detention, or fencing, walls, sensors, and drones at the border means permanent, expensive changes to the immigration enforcement machinery and billions of dollars spent without addressing the problem: a punitive, outdated legal immigration system.

» Congress must act. Congress has the power to meaningful reform U.S. immigration policies to be just, welcoming, and equitable. The bipartisan Dream Act of 2017 is a first step. Congress should then turn to broader immigration reforms that will allow all our communities to flourish.

Immediately pass the bipartisan Dream Act of 2017 (S 1615/HR 3440).

Oppose funding any expansion of detention, deportation agents, and border militarization.

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The Dream Act of 2017 (S. 1615/H.R. 3440)

For more than 16 years Dreamers have waited for Congress to act, and their future is unclear. It is imperative that Congress enact an immediate, lasting permanent solution and does not use Dreamers as bargaining chips or political pawns. We urge Congress to expeditiously pass a clean Dream Act without attaching it to additional enforcement.

The Dream Act of 2017 would allow undocumented immigrants who entered the United States when they were younger than 18 and have lived in the country for four years to apply for a conditional permanent resident status. If they satisfy work, educational, or military service requirements, they would be eligible to apply for a green card and follow the regular process toward citizenship.

Values Driven Immigration Policy

The Friends Committee on National Legislation (Quakers) is led by the call to welcome the stranger and seeks congressional immigration reforms that recognize the gifts, contributions, and struggles of immigrants to ensure equity and justice for all. The Dream Act is just one, important, and long overdue solution to right injustices present in our current immigration system.

Our nation’s immigration policies should:

» Keep families together
» Bring accountability and community engagement to border policies
» Create a path to lawful status and citizenship
» Protect all workers, regardless of immigration status
» Align immigration enforcement with humanitarian values
» Preserve the human and civil rights of all immigrants
» End mass incarceration of immigrants
» Uphold international and U.S. law obligations to protect refugees, asylum seekers and survivors of human trafficking