



Friends Committee
on National Legislation

Lobbying with Quakers

February 2021

Dear Friends,

“We are committed to working for a world where dignity and rights are upheld regardless of migration status and not on the basis of citizenship or perceived deservedness. Our faith calls us to work alone and with others for migration justice.” *-A Quaker Statement on Migration, December 2020*

Five Quaker organizations recently issued a statement laying out a Quaker vision for migration justice. From this common faith, powerful work for migration justice can flourish. This month, we are calling on Friends to act in faith and solidarity with Dreamers, their families, and communities by advocating for the [Dream and Promise Act](#).

Our nation is stronger because of immigrants who come to our country annually. But millions of them live in the shadows, fearing imminent separation from their families, prolonged detention, or a return to life threatening situations. President Joe Biden has promised to protect Dreamers and their families. But any executive action is a short-term response. Immigrants and their communities need permanent solutions, and the only way to do that is through congressional action.

Any legislative solution must include a roadmap to lawful permanent resident status and U.S. citizenship for immigrant youth; an opportunity for people impacted by Temporary Protected Status (TPS) or Deferred Enforced Departure (DED) to gain permanent residence and U.S. citizenship; and no harmful measures that shut the door to other categories of immigrants. In 2020, these measures had broad support from members of Congress, faith leaders, and [140 of the nation's top businesses](#).

In 2019, the House passed [the Dream and Promise Act \(H.R. 6\)](#) to create a path to legal status for many of these young people. But this legislation must be renewed at the beginning of the 117th Congress. [Urge Congress to re-introduce and pass the Dream and Promise Act, or a similar bill that creates a pathway to citizenship for undocumented youth and TPS and DED holders.](#)

Please act using the accompanying letter template, call script, and this [email template](#). Add 2-4 sentences letting your member know why you are personally concerned. Then, call the U.S. Congress at 202-224-3121 to be connected to your representative's and senators' offices. Leave a message if they do not pick up or if you are calling after office hours.

Your letters, emails, and phone calls to Congress matter now more than ever. We ask Friends to continue contacting elected officials using the materials we provide. Please share this call to action with your community email lists and organize virtual gatherings for collective advocacy. Learn more and get training from FCNL staff at [fcnl.org/lobbyfromhome](#).

Ever faithfully onwards,

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PS. Join us on Feb. 24 for FCNL's February Quaker Changemaker event: "Quakers and Migration."



Call Script

Hello, I am calling for **Representative/Senator** _____. I am a resident of **[city, state]** in district **[number]**. I seek an equitable society supported by policies that recognize the Light of God in each of us, no exceptions. Please publicly support the re-introduction and passage of the Dream and Promise Act, or similar legislation to create a pathway to citizenship for undocumented youth and TPS/DED holders.”

(My story)

Even though they came to this country as children and grew up in our communities, approximately three million Dreamers, including individuals with Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) status, have been forced to live in the shadows as the administration, courts, and Congress debate their fate. Please let me know if you will publicly support passage of the Dream and Promise Act, or

Letter/Email Template

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I seek an equitable society supported by policies that recognize the Light of God in each of us, no exceptions. I'm concerned that Congress has so far refused to reform the U.S. immigration system, leaving millions of immigrants to live in fear of family separation, deportation, and detention. Please publicly support the re-introduction and passage of the Dream and Promise Act, or similar legislation, to create a pathway to citizenship for undocumented youth and TPS/DED holders.”

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Sincerely,

(Name, Physical Address, Phone, Email)