

Dear Legislator:

We, the undersigned organizations, would like to express our support for the **DREAM Act of 2009** (H.R. 1751/S.729). We hope that Congress acts quickly to enact this piece of legislation.

Each year, approximately 65,000 undocumented students graduate from U.S. high schools. These students, raised as Americans, deserve a chance to become legal residents of the country where they grew up.

The DREAM Act will provide a path to legal status for individuals brought to the U.S. as children. Under the DREAM Act, most students with good moral character who came to the U.S. at age 15 or younger and have lived in the U.S. for at least five years before the date of the bill's enactment would qualify for conditional permanent resident status upon acceptance to college, graduation from a U.S. high school, or being awarded a GED in the U.S. The conditional status will be lifted if the student completes at least two years of college or serves in the military.

We urge your support for this important legislation.

NATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

African American Ministers in Action (AAMIA)
American Federation of Labor and Congress of Industrial Organizations (AFL-CIO)
American Association of Community Colleges
American Association of State Colleges and Universities (AASCU)
American Association of University Women (AAUW)
American Council on Education
American Federation of Teachers
American Humane Association
American Jewish Committee
Americans for Democratic Action, Inc.
America's Voice
Amnesty International USA
Anti-Defamation League
Asian American Justice Center
Asian Pacific American Labor Alliance, AFL-CIO
Association of Public and Land-grant Universities (A-P-L-U)
B'nai B'rith International
Boat People SOS
Catholic Legal Immigration Network, Inc. (CLINIC)
Center for Law and Social Policy
Children's Defense Fund
Christians for Comprehensive Immigration Reform (CCIR)
Church World Service
Coalition on Human Needs
Council for Opportunity in Education

Disciples Justice Action Network (Disciples of Christ)
Episcopal Church
Equal Justice Society
Family Violence Prevention Fund
Family Voices, Inc.
First Focus Campaign for Children
First Star
Foster Care Alumni of America
Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society
Hispanic Association of Colleges and Universities
Hispanic Coalition for Comprehensive Immigration Reform
Hmong National Development, Inc.
Immigrant Legal Resource Center
Interfaith Worker Justice
Irish Apostolate USA
Japanese American Citizens League
Labor Council for Latin American Advancement
LatinoJustice PRLDEF
Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law
Leadership Conference on Civil and Human Rights (LCCR)
Legal Momentum
Lutheran Immigrant and Refugee Service
Marianist Social Justice Collaborative
Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund (MALDEF)
Multicultural Education, Training & Advocacy (META)
NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund, Inc.
National Advocacy Center of the Sisters of the Good Shepherd
National Association for Bilingual Education (NABE)
National Association for College Admission Counseling
National Association for the Education and Advancement of Cambodian, Laotian and
Vietnamese Americans (NAFEA)
NAFSA: Association of International Educators
National Association for the Education of Homeless Children and Youth
National Association for Multicultural Education
National Association of Working Women
National Association of Social Workers
National Coalition for Asian Pacific American Community Development
National Coalition Against Domestic Violence (NCADV)
National Collaboration for Youth
National Council of Jewish Women
National Council of La Raza (NCLR)
National Day Laborers Organizing Network
National Domestic Violence Hotline
National Education Association
National Employment Law Project
National Foster Care Coalition

National Hispanic Christian Leadership Conference
National Immigration Forum
National Immigration Law Center (NILC)
National Korean American Service & Education Consortium (NAKASEC)
National Latina Institute for Reproductive Health
National PTA
National WIC Association
National Women's Law Center
Nationalities Service Center
NETWORK, A National Catholic Social Justice Lobby
People for the American Way (PFAW)
PICO National Network
Progressive Jewish Alliance
Public Affairs Alliance of Iranians Americans
Public Education Network
Sargent Shriver National Center on Law and Policy
School Social Work Association of America (SSWAA)
Service Employees International Union (SEIU)
Southeast Asia Resource Action Center (SEARAC)
Teachers of English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL)
The College Board
The Hispanic Association of Evangelicals
The National Advocacy Center of the Sisters of the Good Shepherd
The United Church of Christ, Justice and Witness Ministries
Union for Reform Judaism
Unitarian Universalist Association of Congregations
United Church of Christ, Justice and Witness Ministries
United Food and Commercial Workers International Union (UFCW)
United Methodist Church, General Board of Church and Society
United States Conference of Catholic Bishops
United States Students Association
United We Dream Network
Voices for America's Children
Western Association of College Admission Counseling
Wider Church Ministries
Wider Opportunities for Women
WIN - the Welcoming Immigrants Network
Young People for Action
YWCA USA

ARIZONA

AZ LULAC Youth
CADENA
Kino Border Initiative

ARKANSAS

Arkansas Advocates for Children and Families
Arkansas Justice for Our Neighbors
Catholic Diocese of Little Rock

CALIFORNIA

ACLU of Southern California
Asian American Christians of Southern California for Social Justice
Asian Law Alliance
Asian Law Caucus
Aubain & Guevara ALC
Catholic Healthcare West
California Immigrant Policy Center
California Rural Legal Assistance Foundation, Inc.
California National Organization for Women
Center for the Pacific Asian Family
Central American Resource Center of Los Angeles CARECEN-LA
Coalition for Humane Immigrant Rights of Los Angeles
Compton United Soccer Club/Soccer for Social Change
Dominican Sisters of San Rafael
East Bay Community Law Center
Greater Valley Immigration, Citizenship & Education Services
International Institute of the Bay Area
Khmer Humanitarian Organization
Korean Resource Center, Los Angeles, CA
L.A. Community Legal Center and Educational
Latino Civil Rights Committee
Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights of the San Francisco Bay Area
Methodist Federation for Social Action, California-Pacific Chapter
National Council of Jewish Women, California
Opening Doors, Inc.
Public Counsel
Services, Immigrant Rights & Education Network, San Jose
Sisters of St. Joseph of Orange
Venice Family Clinic

COLORADO

Colorado Children's Campaign
Colorado Organization for Latin Opportunity
Kellogg Fellows Leadership Alliance
Metro Organizations for People

CONNECTICUT

Connecticut Association for Human Services (CAHS)
Connecticut Legal Services, Inc.
National Council of Jewish Women, Connecticut

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Community Organizations in Action
Law Offices of Richard S. Brownberg
Mensah & Dzubow, PLLC
Soujourners

FLORIDA

Florida Immigrant Advocacy Center
Hispanic Coalition
Pax Christi Northeast Florida

GEORGIA

CLILA - Coalition of Latino Leaders
Redlands Christian Migrant Association
Marin Women's Commission
The Edwards Law Firm, P.C

ILLINOIS

Diocese of Joliet
Diocese of Joliet – Youth Ministry
Illinois Maternal and Child Health Coalition
SEIU Local 1
Korean American Resource & Cultural Center (KRCC)
Project Irene
Provincial Council of Clerics of St. Viator (Viatorians)

INDIANA

Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), Refugee and Immigration Ministries
Central Indiana Jobs with Justice
La Casa, Indiana University-Bloomington
La Plaza, Inc.
Latino Youth Collective
Law Office of Hong-min Jun, P.C
Indiana Latino Democratic Caucus

IOWA

Child and Family Policy Center
Sisters of St. Francis of Dubuque
Sisters Charity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

KANSAS

Catholic Agency for Migration and Refugee Services
Justice and Peace Center
Sisters of Charity of Leavenworth

KENTUCKY

Kentucky Coalition for Immigrant and Refugee Rights
Sisters of Charity of Nazareth Western Province
Sisters of Charity of Nazareth Congregational Leadership

LOUISIANA

Agenda for Children
Louisiana Association for Bilingual Education

MAINE

Immigrant Legal Advocacy Project
Maine Children's Alliance

MARYLAND

CASA de Maryland
Columban Center for Advocacy and Outreach
Latin American Youth Center
Institute of the Sisters of Mercy of the Americas
Maryland DREAM Youth Committee
Pax Christi Metro DC
Xaverian Brothers

MASSACHUSETTS

Catholic Social
Henry Lee Willis Community Center, Inc.
Massachusetts Citizens for Children

MICHIGAN

Catholic Caucus of Southeast Michigan
Dominica Sisters of Grand Rapids
Michigan's Children
Office of Social Justice, Christian Reformed Church

MINNESOTA

Catholic Charities of the Diocese of St. Cloud
Hmong America Partnership
Jewish Community Action in St. Paul, MN
Interfaith Coalition on Immigration
Immigration Task Force of the MN UCC Conference
Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet, St. Paul Province

MISSISSIPPI

Family Resource Center of Northeast Mississippi
El Pueblo - Immigration Legal Services
Mississippi Center for Justice

MISSOURI

InterServ

Latin America/Caribbean Committee of Loretto Community

Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet, St. Louis Province

MONTANA

Montana Human Rights Network

NEBRASKA

Center for Survivors

Parent-Child Center, Lexington, NE

Sisters of Mercy West Midwest Justice Team

NEVADA

Catholic Charities of Northern Nevada

Safe Nest

NEW HAMPSHIRE

Children's Alliance of New Hampshire

NEW JERSEY

Association for Children of New Jersey

New Jersey Association on Correction

Statewide Parent Advocacy Network

NEW MEXICO

New Mexico Voices for Children

NEW YORK

Arab American Family Support Center

Catholic Charities of the Dioceses of Albany

Drum Major Institute for Public Policy

New York Asian Women's Center

NY Conference Board of Church and Society (United Methodist Church)

Schuyler Center for Analysis and Advocacy

Women of Reform Judaism

Women's City Club of NY

Empire Justice Center

Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet, Albany NY Province

Sisters of St. Joseph of Rochester, Inc.

The Interfaith Alliance of Rochester (TIAR)

Thorpe Family Residence, Inc.

UJA Federation New York

YWCA Genesee

YWCA's of the Northeast Region

NEW JERSEY

RESULTS—Central NJ Domestic Chapter

NORTH CAROLINA

Action for Children North Carolina

FaithAction International House

Latin American Coalition

North Carolina Coalition Against Domestic Violence

The North Carolina Society of Hispanic Professionals

The Tomorrow Fund for Hispanic Students

OHIO

Voices for Ohio's Children

Congregation of St. Joseph

Latino Migrant Coalition of Clark County

OKLAHOMA

Immigrant Rights Project, University of Tulsa College of Law

LULAC Oklahoma City Council #19002

YWCA - Tulsa

OREGON

Immigrant Family Advocacy

PENNSYLVANIA

Asian American United

CATA

COLAM of the UMC

Community Youth Organizing Campaign

Council of Spanish Speaking Organizations of the Lehigh Valley

HIAS and the Council Migration Service

Institute for Cultural Partnerships

JUNTOS

Korean American Association of Greater Philadelphia

Mision Santa Maria, Madre de Dios

National Council of Jewish Women, Pennsylvania State Public Affairs

Nationalities Service Center

New Vision Asian Youth Service

Pastoral Care for Migrants and Refugees

Pennsylvania Coalition Against Rape

Pennsylvania Council of Churches

Pennsylvania Immigration and Citizenship Coalition (PICC)

Pennsylvania Immigration Resource Center

Philadelphia Chinatown Development Corporation

PRIME—Ecumenical Commitment to Refugees

Public Citizens for Children and Youth
Sisters of St. Joseph – Baden
St. Paul’s UMC
Vicar for Hispanic Catholics Archdiocese of Philadelphia

RHODE ISLAND

Brown University, Center for the study of Race & Ethnicity in America
Rhode Island KIDS COUNT

SOUTH CAROLINA

South Carolina Appleseed Center Legal Justice Center
South Carolina Coalition Against Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault
The South Carolina Victim Assistance Network

TEXAS

American Gateways
BARCA, Inc.
Center for Public Policy Priorities
Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston
Dominican Sisters of Houston
Hispanic American Association of East Texas
Human Rights Initiative of North Texas, Inc.
La Fe Policy Research and Education Center
La Union del Pueblo Entero (LUPE)
Senior Community Outreach Services, Inc.
Southwest Workers Union
Standing for Truth Foundation

UTAH

Law Office of Francisco J. Roman, PLLC
Perretta Law Office
Salt Lake Community Action Program
Utah Health and Human Rights Project
Voices for Utah’s Children
YWCA of Salt Lake City

VERMONT

Voices for Vermont’s Children

VIRGINIA

Voices for Virginia’s Children

WASHINGTON

Law Office of Pamela E. Englett
Lutheran Public Policy Office of Washington State
Northwest Federation of Community Organizations

Northwest Immigrant Rights Project
YWCA Clark County

WISCONSIN

St. Norbert Abbey Justice and Peace Committee

School Sisters of Notre Dame Global Justice & Peace Commission, Milwaukee Province