



PASSING THE DREAM ACT

12/8/17

AGENDA

- **Welcome – Ignacia Rodriguez**
- **Legislative update on the Dream Act (15 min) – Diana Pliego**
- **Communications & Field update on the Dream Act (8 min) – Ignacia Rodriguez**
- **Update on DACA related litigation (8 min) – Jess Hanson**
- **Update on Muslim ban 3.0 (8 min) – Avidah Moussavian**
- **Q&A (20 min)**

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE ON THE DREAM ACT

**WHERE IS THE
DREAM ACT?**

DACA AND THE URGENT NEED FOR THE DREAM ACT

DACA was rescinded on September 5th, 2017

March 5th = false deadline

122 people a day lose their DACA protections

Over 11,000 to date. Over 22,000 by March 5th



Message to Congress:

**Pass the Dream Act before
the end of the year!**

BUDGET VOTE & WHITE HOUSE MEETING UPDATE – WHAT HAPPENED YESTERDAY?

House and Senate Leadership met with President Trump

- No deals were made. Conversations continue. Republicans do not want Dream tied to budget. Democrats re-iterated they will not go home without a “DACA fix.”

Budget expired today. Yesterday that deadline was extended by a 2 week Continuing Resolution (CR):

- New deadline: Dec. 22nd
- Passed House (235-193) and Senate (81-14)
- House: most Democrats withheld vote
- Senate: some Democrats withheld vote



Our message to Congress remains the same:

Do not go home for the holidays before passing the Dream Act!

WHAT IS AT STAKE?

Best chance at passing Dream is tied to budget because Republicans still need Democrats to pass the year end spending bill.

Regardless of how it passes, there will be tradeoffs made because Republicans control the House, Senate, and White House.

Bill attachment threats:

- SMART bill – aka big brother at border bill
- Kate's Law – aka more profits for private prisons act
- Comstock gang bill – aka mass criminalization bill

Dream:

- May not be called Dream. May be slightly different.



COMMUNICATIONS & FIELD UPDATE ON THE DREAM ACT

NATIONAL DAYS OF ACTION



FAST 4 DREAM #CleanDREAMAct #Fast4DREAM

DREAM ACT NATIONAL DAY OF ACTION - DECEMBER 6TH

-  13 DREAMERS WILL FAST FOR 3 DAYS.
-  A CARAVAN WILL VISIT REPUBLICAN TARGETS ACROSS THE STATE
-  VIGIL IN SUPPORT OF THE 13 FASTERS - DECEMBER 8TH

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TAKE ACTION – THE TIME IS NOW

There has never been a time where you are needed most. Your Senators and Representatives need to hear the urgency from you.

Call your representatives and tell them you want to see the Dream Act passed before they go home for the holidays. It is wrong to go home and leave immigrant families in uncertainty and limbo.

Call: 1-888-778-6856

CALL RIGHT NOW!

WE NEED YOU!

- Listen to our Butterfly Collective podcast - <http://butterflystorycollective.libsyn.com/roy>, & subscribe (available on [iTunes](#), [Stitcher](#), [Google Play](#), [Radio Public](#), and others)
- Call your member of Congress
- Visit <http://weareheretostay.org>
- Join local rallies and events
- Tell your friends!

MESSAGING (DEVELOPED BY CIPC)

Avoid	Say Instead
“Instead of going after <i>actual criminals</i> and “ <i>bad hombres</i> ”, Trump is...”	Trump is persecuting immigrants who are deeply rooted in our families and communities
“Kate’s Law”	<u>"More profits for private prisons act"</u> Note: After we've established clearly that we are talking about this specific tragedy, we should try to minimize use of Ms. Steinle's name. The family's positions on immigration are very nuanced, and they have made it clear they do not want to see " <u>either side</u> " invoke their daughter's name.
“Local law enforcement should be focused on keeping criminals off the street”	All of us — regardless of where we were born or what we look like — should be able to call 911 when we need help. Policies that turn local police into deportation agents further undermine the delicate ties between police and the communities they serve.

RESOURCES

- United We Dream – www.weareheretostay.org
- National Immigration Law Center
www.nilc.org/issues/immigration-reform-and-executive-actions/
- Indivisible – Immigrant Ally Toolkit –
<https://www.indivisible.org/resource/immigrant-ally-toolkit/>
- NAKASEC – <http://nakasec.org/act>
- UndocuBlack Network – What is a clean Dream Act? – <http://undocublack.org/cleandream/>

LITIGATION TO DEFEND DACA

NEW YORK CASES

- *Batalla-Vidal v. Duke*
 - Brought on behalf of 6 DACA recipients (Martin, Eliana, Antonio, Carolina, Mariano, and Carlos) and Make the Road NY
- *New York et al. v. Trump*
 - Brought on behalf of NY, MA, WA, CO, CT, DE, D.C., HI, IL, IO, NM, NC, OR, PA, RI, VT, and VA



LEGAL CHALLENGES

- Arguments:
 - Administration's decision to terminate this long-standing program without a reasoned explanation violates a federal statute
 - Administration's decision is based on racial discrimination in violation of the Constitution's equal protection clause



We could not have filed our lawsuit to protect Dreamers without the bravery of our plaintiff Martín Batalla Vidal.

**LET HIM KNOW YOU'RE
STANDING WITH HIM.**

[NILC.org/ThankMartin](https://nilc.org/ThankMartin)
[#ThankMartin](https://twitter.com/ThankMartin)



CALIFORNIA CASE

- *Regents of the University of California v. DHS*
 - Includes 6 consolidated cases brought by:
 - UC system
 - States of CA, ME, MD, and MN
 - City of San Jose
 - 6 individual DACA recipients
 - County of Santa Clara



DACA RENEWAL REJECTIONS

- **USCIS FAQs here:**
<https://www.uscis.gov/daca2017/mail-faqs>
- **Were you affected by the October 5 renewal deadline? Please fill out our survey:**
<https://goo.gl/forms/FbCiWSa1NaYxkGjY2>

UPDATE ON MUSLIM BAN 3.0

FIGHTING THE MUSLIM BANS IN THE COURTS

- **What happened in the circuit courts?**
 - 9th Circuit hearing on December 6th
 - 4th Circuit hearing on December 8th
- **What's next?**
 - Dec. 21: two hearings
 - Diversity Visa lawsuit in DC, district court
 - Refugee ban lawsuits in Seattle, district court

FIGHTING THE MUSLIM BANS IN THE COURTS

- **Remind me: what's in the Muslim Bans?**
 - Read our cheat sheet here: <http://bit.ly/UnderstandingtheMuslimBan>
- **What did the Supreme Court say this week?**
 - **Stay of the injunctions was granted:**
 - Muslim Ban 3.0 is in full effect
 - But it's not a ruling on the merits
 - **How long does the stay last?**
 - Until SCOTUS declines to hear the case OR takes the case and issues a judgment
 - **What's the scope of the stay?**
 - It should not affect existing visas granted before the stay
 - No guidance or clarity on waivers
 - Monitoring is key

RESOURCES

- **Overview of Muslim Bans:** <http://bit.ly/UnderstandingtheMuslimBan>
- **Top 5 Reasons Why the Dream Act Can't Wait Until 2018:**
www.nilc.org/5-reasons-dream-act-cant-wait-til-2018/
- **Dream Act 2017: Summary and Answers to Frequently Asked Questions:** www.nilc.org/dream-act-2017-summary-and-faq/
- **Support Clean Dream Act webpage (with link to video and one-pager):** www.nilc.org/support-clean-dream-act/
- **Basic Facts About In-State Tuition for Undocumented Immigrant Students:** www.nilc.org/basic-facts-instate/
- **Dream and the Health Professions:** www.nilc.org/dream-health-professions/
- **2017 Legislation to Protect DACA Recipients/Immigrant Youth:**
<https://www.nilc.org/issues/immigration-reform-and-executive-actions/dreamact/daca-related-2017-legislation/>

QUESTIONS?

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