



December 14, 2017

Congressman Ed Royce  
210 W. Birch Street, Suite 201  
Brea, CA 92821

Dear Congressman Royce,

I'm a Sister of St. Joseph of Orange and I thank you for your ongoing efforts in eradicating human trafficking in our communities and around the world. Of equal concern is the need to protect our DACA youth. Therefore, we as a Congregation join Bishop Kevin W. Vann and the Catholic pastors in parishes in your District urging you to support the DREAM Act.

DACA recipients are an asset to our economy, they are leaders in our communities and make major contributions to our nation. They should not be forced to live in constant fear from being deported and separated from families. More than ever, it is of essence to take action and pass the DREAM Act, and not just express general statements of support.

As we have stated in our recent Congregational Statement on Immigration, “[We] echo the gospel values in which Jesus taught that ‘as far as you did for the least of my brothers and sisters, you did it to me’ (Matthew 25:40). Dignity of the human person, mutuality and justice are core to our Christian beliefs. In [the] present... crisis on immigration, we are disheartened by the deterioration and lack of centrality of these gospel values.”

As Sisters of St. Joseph of Orange, we are called to respond to the needs of our community while advocating for systemic change that is inclusive of all and promotes the common good.

Please actively support the DREAM Act.

Sincerely,