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The Honorable Ed Royce
210 W. Birch Street, Suite 201
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The Honorable Mimi Walters
3333 Michelson Drive, Suite 230
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Dear Congressmembers Royce and Walters,

We the Catholic pastors of the parishes in your district are proud to join with the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops in urging you to actively support passage of the DREAM Act or similar legislation. A strong majority of Catholics and all Americans support a prompt, durable and permanent solution on behalf of DACA youth which includes lawful permanent residency and a path to eventual citizenship.

We share our bishops extreme disappointment with the administration's decision to end DACA with a six month wind-down period and agree that "the Administration's Immigration Principles and Policies do not provide the way forward for comprehensive immigration reform rooted in respect for human life and dignity, and for the security of our citizens" (USCCB, 10/10/17). DACA youth live in each of our parishes. These remarkable young persons attend school, hold a wide range of jobs, and are a true asset to our respective communities.

It is essential to move beyond general statements of support for Dreamers to active support and co-sponsorship of a just and compassionate remedy. We request a meeting with you as soon as possible to explore how we can collaborate with you to resolve this problem of greatest urgency.

Please contact ##### with your response and to schedule this meeting.

Sincerely,

Pastors and Parishes in Rep. Royce's District

The Most Rev. Kevin W. Vann, Bishop of Orange
The Most Rev. Gerald R. Barnes, Bishop of San Bernardino
The Most Reverend David G. O'Connell, Auxiliary Bishop of Los Angeles, San Gabriel Pastoral Region
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