

## What you can do today to help DACA recipients at risk of being deported!

On September 5, 2017, the Trump Administration announced an end to the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program. The lives of more than 800,000 immigrant youth who have benefited from this program over the last 5 years were immediately upended. Without the social security numbers and work permits provided by DACA, these young people are immediately at risk of losing their access to higher education, lawful employment, and relief from deportation.

When one of us is at risk of deportation, none of us are truly free and beloved. Our partners are calling us to take immediate action. The defense of DACA recipients, the "Dreamers," is just one step in our work to ensure safety, dignity, and a clear path to residency and citizenship for all 11 million undocumented immigrants in the United States. Here are things you can do today:

### **Fund Dreamers' DACA Renewal Application Fees**

DACA recipients' issuances and work permits will remain valid until their expiration dates. Those that expire between now and March 5, 2018 must be submitted for renewal by October 5, 2017. U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) estimates that there are approximately 154,000 individuals who qualify for these renewals. This process is urgent, complicated, and expensive.

United We Dream and their partners are launching [The Renewal Fund](http://www.dacarenewalfund.com): ([www.dacarenewalfund.com](http://www.dacarenewalfund.com)) an urgent opportunity to directly support DACA recipients' renewal applications and fees. All funds will go directly to application costs.

### **Pass a clean DREAM Act- Call your Congressional Leaders**

As we take action to support Dreamers, Congressional leadership needs to ensure that DACA is not used as a bargaining chip to further criminalize immigrant communities. Call your senators and representatives. Ask them to support The Clean DREAM Act. They need to hear that without a clean DREAM bill, people's lives will be further on the line. Here's how to contact the House of Representatives switchboard: (202) 225-3121 or 888-496-3502 or the Senate switchboard: (202)-224-3121 or 888-410-0619 to refuse any enforcement add-ons—no increases in Immigrations and Customs Enforcement (ICE) or border patrol agents, no wall—and push for immediate protections.

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## Tips on Calling Members of Congress

### 1) MAKE THREE PHONE CALLS:

Please call your 1 representative and your 2 senators.

If you do not already know your legislators (senators and representative), you can identify them by entering your zip code at [www.congress.org/](http://www.congress.org/).

2) If possible, **determine if your legislators are on record supporting the issue in question.** If they are, call to thank them for their support. (It is always good for them to hear positive feedback.) If they are not, call to urge that they support the bill.

3) **Be prepared to ask for your member's office by name.** When you've reached the office, you can either (1) name the issue you're interested in and ask to speak to the staff-person who works on the issue; or (2) make your statement to the person who has answered the phone. The former is probably more effective; the latter more time-efficient.

4) After speaking, **thank the person for their time and ask for their contact information** to follow up with them on this issue. Thank them again.

**Sample Script:** "Hi, my name is X and I'm calling from City, State, and my zip code is X. I am a person of faith. I'm deeply concerned about the reports that President Trump could end the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) this week. I support the program and strongly oppose any attempt to terminate or alter it. I urge the Senator/Representative to do everything in his/her power to protect 800,000 DACA-recipients from deportation and support their right to work and study in this country. There are three things I'm hoping your office will do right now: 1. Appeal directly to the President to keep this program in place. 2. Issue a public statement of support for DACA recipients. 3. Support a clean passage of: "**Dream Act of 2017**"

### **Another sample script:**

You: Hello, my name is \_\_ (your name)\_\_. I'm a constituent from \_\_ (home town)\_\_. Could I please speak to the legislative assistant who handles \_\_ (your issue)\_\_?

Congressional Office Legislative Assistant: Hi, this is XXXX, how can I help you?

You: Hello, this is \_\_ (your name)\_\_ from \_\_ (home town) \_\_. As a citizen and a Unitarian Universalist, my values call me to support \_\_ (your issue)\_\_. Therefore, I'm calling to ask that the representative (or senator) support \_\_\_\_\_. (If there is a specific bill number, reference it.)

Congressional Office Legislative Assistant: I will let the Congressman/woman know that we talked and make sure that he/she takes a look at the bill.

You: Thank you for your time. I hope that Rep. (or Sen.) XXXX will support this much needed legislation. Can I get your email?