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America is Built by Dreamers
The DREAM Act is Re-introduced in Congress

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America was built by dreamers and continues to be built by dreamers. Hope, belief, persistence and perseverance are in our DNA.

And so it is with the Dreamers. They have plans, hopes, expectations. Many had no idea that they are not U.S. citizens. Others have vague memories of accompanying their parents or caregivers on long journeys, not understanding the politics or implications.

The National Advocacy Center of the Sisters of the Good Shepherd welcomes the re-introduction of the DREAM Act in Congress. We thank Senator Lindsey Graham of South Carolina and Senator Dick Durbin of Illinois for working together across the aisle to bring back this bill. We pledge to work with them and others to help get this legislation passed into law and hope that both parties see the bipartisan nature of these children and mutually support passage.

“Rouse your heart to love, gratitude and generosity,” said Saint Mary Euphrasia, Foundress of the Congregation of Our Lady of Charity of the Good Shepherd.

The Congregation of Our Lady of Charity of the Good Shepherd has had a presence in the United States for over 175 years. The Sisters and their Mission Partners have dedicated themselves to serving girls, women and families who experience poverty, exploitation, vulnerability and marginalization. Our programs address the social, psychological and economic needs of thousands of persons/families on low-income in 22 states and 1 U.S. Territory.

This nation has a long history of welcoming immigrants. Women religious have consistently been on the forefront accompanying and serving immigrant communities. Good Shepherd Sisters remain committed to welcoming and aiding all those in need.