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A Temporary Reprieve – Young Lives Still Hang in Balance Congress Must Pass the DREAM Act & President Trump Must Sign It

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Mr. President, we regret that you have betrayed the hopes and aspirations of the DACA youth. They deserved better.

You had the opportunity to officially recognize that keeping the Dreamers in the U.S. not only is best for the country, but also is the humane and just thing to do.

Yes, Mr. President, you have given them a temporary, six-month reprieve, but these young lives still hang in the balance. Their worries are not eased. Their lives now are in limbo.

Mr. President, the National Advocacy Center of the Sisters of the Good Shepherd calls on you to actively support passage of the Dream Act and then sign it into law without hesitation.

Congress now must do its duty and quickly pass the DREAM Act. 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 these young people and their circumstances through a nonpartisan lens and work in a bipartisan fashion for passage, erasing permanently any doubt that these young people may have as to their future.

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The Sisters of the Good Shepherd was founded in France in 1835 and are in over 70 countries on 5 continents and have had a presence in the United States for over 175 years. With a presence in 22 states and 1 U. S. Territory, the Sisters and their Lay Mission Partners have dedicated themselves to serving girls, women and families who experience poverty, exploitation, vulnerability and marginalization.

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