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## **The Time has come for Congress to Act – Protect Dreamers and TPS & DED Holders**

“They are American in all but a piece of paper. They have plans, hopes and expectations, which are on hold with fears that their dreams will become nightmares. And now they are running out of time. These Dreamers, TPS [Temporary Protected Status] and DED [Deferred Enforced Departure] holders – over two and a half million people - are looking to Congress for a permanent, legislative solution allowing them to remain in the United States and continue living their American dreams,” said Lawrence E. Couch, Director of the National Advocacy Center of the Sisters of the Good Shepherd.

Today, the full House is taking up HR 6, the Dream and Promise Act of 2019 to provide a pathway to citizenship for Dreamers and TPS/DED holders

“Most Americans believe that their government should have more compassion. As Catholics, our faith requires that everyone should be treated with the utmost dignity and respect. We are called to protect the inherent dignity of all people. The National Advocacy Center of the Sisters of the Good Shepherd calls on the United States Congress to pass a pathway to citizenship for all Dreamers and TPS and DED holders,” said Couch.

Nearly 4,000 Liberians fear losing their safety status and work authorization. Liberia suffered a terrible civil war and was still in the recovery process when Ebola struck. Liberians in the U.S. have received either DED or TPS (Temporary Protected Status) since 1991 through both Republican and Democratic presidents.

Approximately 300,000 people hold temporary protected status in the United States. TPS is granted on rare occasions to people living in the U.S. from countries that have experienced severe natural disasters, war or other extreme conditions. “Removing TPS and sending these people back will have devastating multiplying effects on families in both our country and in the recipient countries.

“Losing the Dreamers plus their families would shock not just them and the countries where they would be sent, but it would shock our economy, states and communities as well. And let’s be frank -- we need them. They power America with their toughness, passion, fortitude, hard work and spirit.

“This nation has a long history of welcoming immigrants. It is wrong to play games with the lives of innocent young people and people who have fled tragedy and devastation. We call on Congress to legislate a solution and pathway to citizenship. We call on swift passage of HR 6,” said Couch.

*[The National Advocacy Center](#) educates and advocates on social justice issues for the transformation of society to the benefit of all people reflecting the spirituality, history and mission of the Sisters of the Good Shepherd. NAC advocates at the Federal level for people living in poverty, immigrants, survivors of human trafficking, survivors of domestic abuse, and other vulnerable populations.*

*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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