



December 14, 2017

Congresswoman Mimi Walters  
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Irvine, CA 92612

Dear Congresswoman Walters,

I'm a Sister of St. Joseph of Orange and we appreciate the opportunity for some of our sisters to meet your staff this past March. We approach you this time with a great concern for DACA recipients. Therefore, we as a Congregation join Bishop Kevin W. Vann and the Catholic pastors in parishes in your District urging you to support the DREAM Act.

I thank you for voicing your concern for DACA youth, but it is of essence that you act and actively support the DREAM Act not just express general statements.

DACA recipients are an asset to our economy, they are leaders in our communities and make major contributions to our nation. They should not be forced to live in constant fear from being deported and separated from families.

As we have stated in our recent Congregational Statement on Immigration, "[We] echo the gospel values in which Jesus taught that 'as far as you did for the least of my brothers and sisters, you did it to me' (Matthew 25:40). Dignity of the human person, mutuality and justice are core to our Christian beliefs. In [the] present... crisis on immigration, we are disheartened by the deterioration and lack of centrality of these gospel values."

As Sisters of St. Joseph of Orange, we are called to respond to the needs of our community while advocating for systemic change that is inclusive of all and promotes the common good.

Please support the DREAM Act.

Sincerely,