



American Dream and Promise Act

Ask your U.S. Representative to VOTE FOR H.R. 6

From the USCCB - Justice for Immigrants:

TOMORROW: The U.S. House of Representatives is expected to vote on H.R. 6, the American Dream and Promise Act of 2019. If passed into law, H.R. 6 would provide a pathway to citizenship for qualifying Dreamers, Temporary Protected Status (TPS) and Deferred Enforced Departure (DED) holders living in the United States.

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Background

H.R. 6 would provide critical permanent legal protection to Dreamers, TPS and DED holders who are living in a state of uncertainty and fear. The USCCB's Committee on Migration Chairman, Bishop Joe S. Vásquez of Austin, Texas, has voiced support for the bill numerous times: issuing a March 15, 2019 statement endorsing H.R. 6, sending a letter to each Member of the U.S. House of Representatives in support of the bill, and endorsing individual component bills of H.R. 6 prior to markup in the House Judiciary Committee on May 22nd.

ACTION

As the House is poised to take an important floor vote to protect Dreamers, TPS and DED holders, we ask you to stand in solidarity with immigrants their families by sending a message to your U.S. Representative and request that they vote for passage of H.R. 6.

TAKE ACTION NOW and send the following message!

Dear Representative:

As a person of faith, I believe in protecting the God-given dignity of every human being. As your constituent, I urge you to vote in favor of passing H.R. 6, the American Dream and Promise Act of 2019, as currently written, and to reject any amendments which would curtail the bill's critical protections

Dreamers, TPS and DED holders are our neighbors and an important part of our community. They have prayed with us in houses of worship, contributed to the U.S. economy, attended schools and colleges, and served in our military.

As you consider your vote on H.R. 6, please know that the Catholic community stands with you in supporting the people and families that will be helped by this legislation.

Thank you for your important work in Congress on my behalf and for promoting the human dignity of immigrants and refugees.

Statement from Bishop Conlon Concerning Immigration at the Southern US Border

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Most Reverend R. Daniel Conlon Statement Regarding Immigration at the United States Southern Border

Recently President Donald Trump has said that there is no more room for immigrants in the United States. He has made the pronouncement in specific reference to refugees from three Central American countries who travel through Mexico hoping to find a new home in the United States.

On its face, the statement is without merit. The United States has plenty of room. In fact, among some sectors of our people there is a population decline. In addition, the President has aimed his comments at one particular group of immigrants. Immigrants from other parts of the world continue to enter the country without opposition from Mr. Trump.

This contradiction is marked graphically by our having the Statue of Liberty at one end of the country, welcoming immigrants, and a wall at the other end, keeping them out.

In Guatemala, El Salvador and Nicaragua there is significant political disorder, violence and repression, as well as persistent crop failures. Ordinary people are trying to escape, just as my Irish ancestors escaped the ravages of the potato famine in the middle of the nineteenth century. (They weren't wanted here either.)

Obviously there needs to be an orderly and lawful process of immigration. Our divided Congress needs to come together to pass substantial immigration reform legislation that will improve the situation. As a representative of the Good Shepherd, I also hope that our President will demonstrate a more compassionate and fair spirit in this matter.

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