



### **The Episcopal Church Responds to the Introduction of the Dream Act**

The Episcopal Church applauds the bipartisan introduction of the Dream Act which would provide a path to legal status for undocumented youths who arrived in this country as infants or children and have grown up as members of our communities.

This act would provide immigrant youth the opportunity to pursue higher education and/or serve the United States so that they can become fully contributing members of our communities and eventually become citizens of the United States. Withholding legal status from these children not only hurts them, but it deprives America of future generations of dedicated citizens, innovators, entrepreneurs, and public servants.

The Episcopal Church is committed to pursuing bipartisan comprehensive immigration reform that would offer pathways to citizenship for eligible undocumented persons living in our communities. The Dream Act is a critical piece of legislation that will offer opportunities for young people to fully contribute to our country, but we must recognize our current immigration system is outdated and broken, leaving millions of families without long-term solutions. We continue to urge members of Congress to work across the aisle to develop legislative solutions for undocumented youth and their families.

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