

DACA 10 YEAR ANNIVERSARY DAY OF ACTION TOOLKIT

As people of faith invested in the work of welcome, we are called to use our voices and share our stories to ensure that elected officials implement humane and just immigration policies. On this DACA 10 year anniversary Day of Action The Episcopal Church Office of Government Relations and Episcopal Migration Ministries invite you to speak out in support of a permanent solution for DACA recipients who are vital parts of our churches and communities.

FIVE WAYS YOU CAN TAKE ACTION:

1

Prepare your statement.

Prepare to tell your congressional leaders 1) Who you are, 2) Why you care, 3) What you want. Sample language follows on the next page.

2

Write to your Senators.

Send an [Action Alert](#) through the Episcopal Public Policy Network to urge your members of Congress to support legislation to protect Dreamers.

3

Call your Senators.

Amplify your advocacy by calling in addition to writing. Every action you take adds to the swell of support for legislative action. Instructions follow on the next page.

4

Make a donation to a local or national DACA Renewal Fund.

Paying for the DACA and work permit renewal fee can be a barrier for DACA recipients to renew. Your donation would go directly to helping DACA recipients continue to live and work in the United States.

5

Post to Social Media.

Social media can be another important touchpoint tracked by Congressional offices. Post to Facebook and Twitter using #DACA10 #Dreamers, #EpiscopalAdvocacy, and be sure to tag your Senators. Sample social media post language follows on the next page.

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Sample language for your call

I write to you as an Episcopalian and a constituent to ask that you pass legislation to provide permanent protections for Dreamers.

Since a July 2021 court decision, DACA recipients have seen the program that allows them to live and work in our schools, businesses, and faith communities put into jeopardy. Only Congress can fully and permanently protect Dreamers.

My faith teaches that we should strive for justice for immigrants. The Episcopal Church has advocated for protections for Dreamers since 2009, and as an Episcopalian I want my country to ensure that these critical members of our communities can continue to live and work alongside us.

Given the urgency of the moment, I urge you to come together with your colleagues and help pass legislation in support of protections for Dreamers as soon as possible.

Call your Senators

You will make two calls to be connected with the offices of your two Senators.

Call the U.S. Capitol Switchboard at (202) 224-3121 and ask to be connected to one of your Senators. Repeat this process for your other Senator, either conveying your message to a staffer or leaving a voicemail. To find your two Senators, visit: www.govtrack.us/congress/members

Sample social media posts

Dreamers have deep roots in our communities. But 10 years after DACA began, they still live in limbo and don't have a pathway to permanent status or citizenship. Congress must pass a permanent solution.

#DACA10 #Dreamers #EpiscopalAdvocacy

It's been 10 years since #DACA allowed many young people who were brought to the U.S. as children to live and work here without the imminent threat of deportation - but #Dreamers still have no permanent solution. Congress can fix that. #DACA10 #Dreamers #EpiscopalAdvocacy

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