

Dear Legislator:

We, the undersigned organizations, would like to express our support for the **DREAM Act of 2009** (H.R. 1751/S.729). We hope that Congress acts quickly to enact this piece of legislation.

Each year, approximately 65,000 undocumented students graduate from U.S. high schools. These students, raised as Americans, deserve a chance to become legal residents of the country where they grew up.

The DREAM Act will provide a path to legal status for individuals brought to the U.S. as children. Under the DREAM Act, most students with good moral character who came to the U.S. at age 15 or younger and have lived in the U.S. for at least five years before the date of the bill's enactment would qualify for conditional permanent resident status upon acceptance to college, graduation from a U.S. high school, or being awarded a GED in the U.S. The conditional status will be lifted if the student completes at least two years of college or serve in the military.

We urge your support for this important legislation.

NATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

AFL-CIO

American Association of Community Colleges

American Jewish Committee

Anti-Defamation League

Asian American Justice Center

Asian Pacific American Labor Alliance, AFL-CIO

B'nai B'rith International

Boat People SOS

Center for Law and Social Policy

Children's Defense Fund

Christians for Comprehensive Immigration Reform (CCIR)

Church World Service

Coalition on Human Needs

Disciples Justice Action Network (Disciples of Christ)

Episcopal Church

First Focus Campaign for Children

First Star

Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society

Hispanic Association of Colleges and Universities

Hispanic Coalition for Comprehensive Immigration Reform

Hmong National Development, Inc.

Immigrant Legal Resource Center

Interfaith Worker Justice

Irish Apostolate USA

Japanese American Citizens League

Labor Council for Latin American Advancement
LatinoJustice PRLDEF
Leadership Conference on Civil Rights (LCCR)
Legal Momentum
Lutheran Immigrant and Refugee Service
Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund (MALDEF)
National Association for Bilingual Education (NABE)
National Association for the Education and Advancement of Cambodian, Laotian and
Vietnamese Americans (NAFEA)
National Association for the Education of Homeless Children and Youth
National Coalition for Asian Pacific American Community Development
National Collaboration for Youth
National Council of Jewish Women
National Council of La Raza (NCLR)
National Day Laborers Organizing Network
National Education Association
National Foster Care Coalition
National Hispanic Christian Leadership Conference
National Immigration Forum
National Immigration Law Center (NILC)
National Korean American Service & Education Consortium (NAKASEC)
National PTA
Nationalities Service Center
OCA – Embracing the hopes and aspirations of Asian Pacific Americans
Progressive Jewish Alliance
Public Affairs Alliance of Iranians Americans
Public Education Network
Service Employees International Union (SEIU)
Southeast Asia Resource Action Center (SEARAC)
Teachers of English to Speakers of Other Languages, Inc.
The College Board
The Hispanic Association of Evangelicals
The National Advocacy Center of the Sisters of the Good Shepherd
The United Church of Christ, Justice and Witness Ministries
Union for Reform Judaism
Unitarian Universalist Association of Congregations
United Methodist Church, General Board of Church and Society
United States Conference of Catholic Bishops
United States Students Association
United We Dream Network
Voices for America’s Children
Wider Church Ministries
WIN - the Welcoming Immigrants Network

ARKANSAS

Arkansas Advocates for Children and Families

ARIZONA

Kino Border Initiative

CALIFORNIA

Asian American Christians of Southern California for Social Justice
Korean Resource Center, Los Angeles, CA
Central American Resource Center of Los Angeles CARECEN-LA
Services, Immigrant Rights & Education Network, San Jose

COLORADO

Colorado Children's Campaign
Metro Organizations for People

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Family Voices

GEORGIA

CLILA - Coalition of Latino Leaders

ILLINOIS

Sargent Shriver National Center on Law and Policy
SEIU Local 1
Korean American Resource & Cultural Center (KRCC)

INDIANA

Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), Refugee and Immigration Ministries

IOWA

Child and Family Policy Center

LOUISIANA

Agenda for Children

MAINE

Maine Children's Alliance

MICHIGAN

Michigan's Children
Office of Social Justice, Christian Reformed Church

MINNESOTA

Jewish Community Action in St. Paul, MN
Interfaith Coalition on Immigration (MN)
Immigration Task Force of the MN UCC Conference

MISSISSIPPI

Family Resource Center of Northeast Mississippi
El Pueblo - Immigration Legal Services
Mississippi Center for Justice

MISSOURI

Latin America/Caribbean Committee of Loretto Community

NEW HAMPSHIRE

Children's Alliance of New Hampshire

NEW JERSEY

Association for Children of New Jersey
Statewide Parent Advocacy Network

NEW MEXICO

New Mexico Voices for Children

NEW YORK

NY Conference Board of Church and Society (United Methodist Church)
Schuyler Center for Analysis and Advocacy
Women's City Club of New York

NORTH CAROLINA

Action for Children North Carolina
Latin American Coalition

OHIO

Voices for Ohio's Children

PENNSYLVANIA

JUNTOS
Public Citizens for Children and Youth

RHODE ISLAND

Rhode Island KIDS COUNT

SOUTH CAROLINA

SC Appleseed Center Legal Justice Center

TEXAS

Center for Public Policy Priorities
Dominican Sisters of Houston
Standing for Truth Foundation

UTAH

Voices for Utah's Children

VERMONT

Voices for Vermont's Children

VIRGINIA

Foster Care Alumni of America

Voices for Virginia's Children

WISCONSIN

The School Sisters of Notre Dame Global Justice & Peace Commission

