

September 2, 2017

The Honorable Donald J. Trump  
The White House  
1600 Pennsylvania Ave. NW  
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President,

We write to you today as CEO's of large Catholic health systems to urge you to continue the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) Program. Catholic health care today provides more than 15% of hospital services in America. As employers of millions of dedicated health care professionals, we have a very strong interest in ensuring a continued supply of great potential employees. We have seen firsthand how the DACA "Dreamers" have benefitted our organizations at many levels of our teams. As nurses, physicians, aides, dietary workers and facility professionals, they are part of what makes American health care great. As leaders of teams and organizations, we believe that inclusivity makes us more attractive to great people and that diversity makes us stronger.

Our mission-driven organizations operate by the principles of our founders, which stress a commitment to justice and the dignity of every human being. The nation's Catholic bishops recently pointed out in their petition to you regarding DACA, "At the heart of Catholic social teaching is the moral obligation to protect the life and dignity of every human being, particularly the most vulnerable, which includes our youth. These young people were brought to the United States by their parents whose desire was to provide their children with hope, opportunity, and safety that they could never hope to find in their countries of birth."

Finally, as citizens of large and small communities across our great country, we believe this moment provides us with a real opportunity to reaffirm the meaning of the American Dream in our times. Welcoming the Dreamers, both those who have overcome incredible

obstacles to build successful lives and those still on the path to doing so, demonstrates to all that America is still the land of welcoming opportunity.

Mr. President, this decision presents you with the chance to help in this pursuit by the Dreamers. To that end, we join with the wider Catholic community in urging you to continue the DACA program. Thank you very much for your leadership on this critical issue.

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