

Dear Senator \_\_\_\_\_:

As a person of faith, I am writing to you to ask your support in passing a permanent legislative solution for 800,000 recipients of the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) before the end of the year. These young people were brought to the United States through no fault of their own and are contributing members of our communities and our economy. This is the only home they have known. They are American in every way except citizenship. They now face deportation back to a country in which they are unfamiliar, may not speak the language and will separate them from family and friends.

An overwhelming majority of these individuals have enrolled in school, found jobs, created companies and served in our military. Current estimates indicate that the fiscal cost of deporting DACA recipients would be over \$60 billion to the federal government along with a \$280 billion reduction in economic growth over the next decade. This is why business communities, universities and civic leaders support a permanent legislative solution to provide a path toward citizenship.

On July 20, 2017, South Carolina Senator Graham Lindsey introduced S.1615 – Dream Act of 2017 in the Senate which would provide protection from deportation for the DACA recipients. The clock is ticking and DACA recipients are about to lose or have already lost their permits in the wake of the programs rescission. I firmly believe that Congress needs to work to fix our broken immigration system but at this moment, I ask you to support S.1615 now to protect the DACA recipients who are hard-working young people who are contributing to the growth of our country and assure them a more secure status in our country as soon as possible.

Kind Regards,

Your name and address.

