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Dear Members of Congress:

We join a diverse group of faith leaders in calling on you to support passage of a clean Dream Act (S.1615/H.R. 3440). Founded in 1913, for more than a century ADL has advocated for fair and just immigration policies. As a leading civil rights organization dedicated to combatting hatred, bigotry, and discrimination, ADL supports a pathway to citizenship for young undocumented immigrants brought to this country as children.

The lives of DACA recipients now lie in Congress's hands. Nearly 800,000 young people went to bed on September 5th unsure of their future and scared that they could soon face deportation to a country they may have never known. Each of those 800,000 people is an individual with a unique story, but they have one thing in common: they were all brought to the United States as children without documentation. Most do not have family or a support system in their country of birth. Many do not remember it, or even speak the language. Passing a clean bill that provides a pathway to citizenship for these young immigrants brought to the United States as children is a moral imperative.

The Dream Act would allow these young people to earn lawful permanent residence and eventually American citizenship if they: are longtime residents who came to the United States as children; graduate from high school or obtain a GED; pursue higher education, work lawfully for at least 3 years, or serve in the military; pass security and law enforcement background checks and pay an application fee; and demonstrate proficiency in the English language and knowledge of United States history. This bipartisan bill is a practical and necessary measure to protect DACA recipients, who are now so vulnerable.

It would be wrong for Congress to use this crisis moment—and the anguish of nearly a million young people—to force through legislation building a wall along the southern border, dramatically increasing immigration enforcement, or otherwise putting immigrants in jeopardy. Reasonable people can differ about immigration enforcement policies, but on this there can be no disagreement: young immigrants brought to the United States as children should not be used as pawns to advance an anti-immigrant agenda. We urge you to support a clean Dream Act and allow these immigrant youth the opportunity to fully contribute to the communities and to the country they call home

Sincerely,

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