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NETWORK Nuns Weep At Immigration Ruling That Fosters Fear, Tears Apart Families

In response to the Supreme Court's ruling in *U.S. v. Texas*, NETWORK Lobby for Catholic Social Justice issued the following:

"Today, we weep," said Sister Simone Campbell, SSS, executive director of NETWORK Lobby. "This ruling will create more fear for millions across the country who risk having their families torn apart due to our broken immigration system. As a person of faith, I know that we are called to welcome the stranger and protect families. Today the Supreme Court denied both of these sacred truths."

DAPA and DACA are commonsense programs that are responsible efforts to prioritize resources and protect families. The Supreme Court had an opportunity to provide clarity and guidance for the nation. Instead, they turned their backs on the immigrant parents of U.S. citizens and children who only know the U.S. as home. Our communities will continue to suffer as a result. We urge President to roll back family detention policies while millions of Americans are waiting in limbo for Congress to act on immigration reform.

"Now, we look to the elections November," continued Sister Simone. "As Pope Francis says, 'we must build bridges, not walls.' Today's decision means that all Pope Francis voters will double-down on ensuring that immigration is a deciding issue at the polls this fall. The NETWORK community will not rest until immigration reform with a path to citizenship is a reality. Candidates are put on notice that we expect immigration reform to be achieved in the first 100 days of the new Congress and new Administration. This reform will evidence the family values that are the bedrock of our nation."

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NETWORK, advocates for justice inspired by Catholic sisters, educates, organizes, and lobbies for economic and social transformation. They have a more than 40-year track record of lobbying for critical federal programs that support those at the margins and prioritize the common good.