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Catholic Sisters and Activists Hopeful Congress Will Protect All Immigrants

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WASHINGTON, D.C. – Today, the Dream Act of 2019 and SECURE Act were introduced in the Senate, a first step in ensuring lasting security for Dreamers, TPS, and DED holders. NETWORK Lobby for Catholic Social Justice issued the following statement:

Sister Simone Campbell, SSS, Executive Director of NETWORK Lobby for Catholic Social Justice said:

"Our broken, outdated immigration system is putting our friends and neighbors at risk. The Catholic Sisters and activists of NETWORK support the Dream Act and the SECURE Act because they protect Dreamers, TPS, and DED holders and provide an eventual pathway to citizenship. These bills reflect the Catholic social teaching that recognizes human contribution and inalienable worth. We're hopeful that Congress will do the right thing and protect all immigrants.

"NETWORK has been fortunate to have Dreamers on staff for the last three years. Our current Government Relations Associate, José Arnulfo Cabrera, has DACA. He grew up in Cincinnati, Ohio and remembers very little about the small village in Mexico where he was born. He considers Cincinnati his hometown, and he's proud to be from Ohio. If these bills were passed, José would be allowed to stay in the United States where he received his education, started his career, and contributes to our nation. This legislation recognizes that we are all better with immigrants."

José Arnulfo Cabrera, Government Relations Associate for NETWORK Lobby for Catholic Social Justice said:

"For DACA recipients like me, March has been a month filled with hope. The House has introduced the Dream-Promise Act, and today the Senate introduced the Dream Act of 2019 and SECURE Act. These bills give 2.5 million Dreamers, TPS, and DED holders hope that the nightmare the Trump Administration put us through will soon be over.

"If Congress passes these bills, I will be able to continue to work in the United States after my DACA expires, TPS and DED families can stay together, and Dreamers like me will finally be recognized as the Americans we've always been."

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