



## **BACKGROUND**

The Archbishop of Los Angeles, Chairman, U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' Committee on Migration, recently submitted a letter to the Senate Judiciary Committee Subcommittee on Immigration, Refugees and Border Security. Here are a few excerpts:



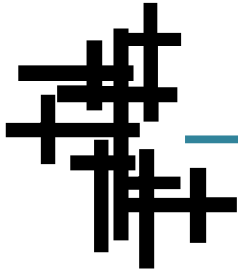
*"I am pleased to express the U.S. Catholic bishops' support for S. 952, the Development, Relief and Education for Alien Minors (DREAM) Act. Our nation continues to grapple with the all-too-often polarizing issue of unauthorized immigration. In the face of the many challenges unauthorized immigration creates for our nation, our elected officials have not yet reached a humane compromise, one which not only protects the integrity of our nation's borders and security but also provides a viable solution for the millions of men, women, and children who remain in the shadows.*

*In the meantime, however, Congress can provide a remedy for some of the most vulnerable of these: DREAM-Act eligible youth. These migrant youth were brought into the United States by their parents when they were only children and, at no fault of their own, are currently unauthorized. Indeed, these youth lacked both the will and intention to come to the United States by unlawful means. Despite this, and their dream to dedicate their substantial gifts and talents to the only country they know, these youth cannot do so because of their legal status.*

*The United States is a great country because it is a land of opportunity, family values, and compassion. Throughout our history, we have given newcomers the opportunity to work hard and be successful, to our country's substantial benefit. We have also placed a high premium on the integrity of the family unit. And, we have refused to punish the innocent among us.*

*The U.S. Catholic bishops ask Congress to put aside partisan politics and advance this important piece of legislation to its eventual passage. We stand ready to support Congress in doing so."*

[\(The full text of the letter can be found via this link.\)](#)



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**ACTION**

Good Shepherd Voices for Justice asks that you contact your federal legislators to ask them to endorse this important legislation. Here is sample wording from Justice for Immigrants and the USCCB for your email, phone call all or letter:



I write to ask that you continue to support comprehensive immigration reform and work to fix our nation's broken immigration system.

As my President, please use your executive authority to protect vulnerable populations such as DREAM Act-eligible students and parents of U.S. citizen children. Finally, I request that you oppose any immigration enforcement measures, such as an expansion of the E-Verify program, unless they are contained in a comprehensive immigration reform package.

Thank you for your dedicated work on behalf of immigrants.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

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