**Action Alert on Family Unity**

**Background:** Since the Trump administration terminated the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program in September 2017, more than 18,800 DACA recipients have seen their protections expire. As Congress considers proposals to protect dreamers, the White House and some Members of Congress have offered frameworks that would prevent family unification, deprive dreamers of an opportunity to pursue a pathway to citizenship, or increase the immigration detention, deportation, and border militarization machine. These proposals would prevent U.S. citizens from reuniting with their siblings, parents, keep greencard holders from reuniting with their adult children, and redefine family, invalidating our country's claim to honor family values.

Right now, our Senators and Representatives need to hear that their constituents want to see a pathway to citizenship for as many dreamers as possible – without compromising family unity or other immigrant populations. Now is the time to urge our elected leaders to do everything in their power to protect dreamers – without violating the sanctity of family unity or jeopardizing our immigrant neighbors. The Senate is considering proposals immediately, so please call your 2 Senators first and then your 1 Representative.

**Tell Congress to Keep Families Together and Protect Dreamers:** [**Click Here**](https://greateras1.org/urgent-action-today-tell-congress-oppose-anti-immigrant-bills-protect-dreamers-uphold-family-unity/) **or Call 1-866-940-2439**

*\*Please call 3 times to be connected to your 2 Senators first and then your 1 Representative*

Sample Script: “I am your constituent from [CITY/TOWN], and [as a person of faith] I urge my Senator/Representative to support the Dream Act or another bipartisan legislative solution that offers a pathway to citizenship for as many dreamers as possible - without compromising family unity or other immigrant populations. One proposal, the *Uniting and Securing America (USA) Act*, is narrowly tailored to protect dreamers and provide a data-driven approach to border security. I call on my Senator/Representative to oppose any proposal that would prolong family separation, create a permanent underclass in America, or target other immigrant populations. Proposals that dismantle opportunities for family reunification are diametrically opposed to who we are as communities of faith. My community welcomes and values immigrants, and we urge you to do the same.”

Please also tweet at your [Representatives & Senators](https://twitter.com/cspan/lists/members-of-congress/members):

* .[@SENATOR/REPRESENTATIVE] Families are the foundation of our nation. Keep families together #ValueOurFamilies #NoFamilyBan
* .[@SENATOR/REPRESENTATIVE] Religious text about family show the sacredness of a unified family. Protect our family values #ValueOurFamilies #NoFamilyBan

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