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CWS: Trump Exploits Dreamers to Fulfill Stephen Miller's White Supremacist Wish List

Congress must not consider White House's so-called "reform" any serious attempt at compromise

Washington, D.C. - CWS strongly condemns the White House's supposed immigration "reform" memo leaked earlier this evening. Stephen Miller's plan reverses President Trump's earlier commitment to sign a legislative solution for Dreamers. It would hold hostage a pathway to citizenship for some Dreamers by stopping U.S. citizens from sponsoring their parents, siblings, and even children; supercharging a deportation force that is already wildly out of control; and spending \$25 billion on a wasteful border wall..

"This White House proposal is immoral, and in no way a serious attempt to pass a legislative solution for Dreamers. With this memo, President Trump has demonstrated that he cannot lead but will allow Stephen Miller and other white supremacists to dictate his policies. The administration is continuing to wage its war on immigrants, this time by exploiting dreamers and redefining family. This is part and parcel of a xenophobic and white supremacist agenda. Dreamers are Americans—and it's time for Congress to recognize that fact. 87% of the American public already does," said Rev. John L. McCullough, President and CEO of Church World Service.

"After President Trump ended the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program, he pledged to sign a bipartisan solution for Dreamers. Now, he is going back on that promise and demanding the restrictionist portion of comprehensive immigration reform in exchange for a Dreamer solution for which he has already pledged support. This exploitation of Dreamers' predicament - a plight which President Trump has caused - calls to mind Matthew 18:6, in which Jesus proclaims *If any of you put a stumbling block before one of these little ones, it would be better for you if a great millstone were fastened around your neck and you were drowned in the depth of the sea.* There is already broad bipartisan consensus on a solution for Dreamers - Congress must not bow to Stephen Miller's white supremacist agenda that will dismantle the very values upon which this nation was founded."

CWS urges the public to call their Members of Congress and demand that Congress reject this White House proposal and instead pass a clean DREAM Act now.

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