

Dear Legislator:

We, the undersigned organizations, would like to express our support for the **DREAM Act of 2009** (H.R. 1751/S.729). We hope that Congress acts quickly to enact this piece of legislation.

Each year, approximately 65,000 undocumented students graduate from U.S. high schools. These students, raised as Americans, deserve a chance to become legal residents of the country where they grew up.

The DREAM Act will provide a path to legal status for individuals brought to the U.S. as children. Under the DREAM Act, most students with good moral character who came to the U.S. at age 15 or younger and have lived in the U.S. for at least five years before the date of the bill's enactment would qualify for conditional permanent resident status upon acceptance to college, graduation from a U.S. high school, or being awarded a GED in the U.S. The conditional status will be lifted if the student completes at least two years of college or serve in the military.

We urge your support for this important legislation.

**NATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS**

AFL-CIO

American Association of Community Colleges

American Jewish Committee

Anti-Defamation League

Asian American Justice Center

Asian Pacific American Labor Alliance, AFL-CIO

B'nai B'rith International

Boat People SOS

Christians for Comprehensive Immigration Reform (CCIR)

Church World Service

Coalition on Human Needs

Disciples Justice Action Network (Disciples of Christ)

Episcopal Church

First Focus

Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society

Hispanic Association of Colleges and Universities

Hispanic Coalition for Comprehensive Immigration Reform

Hmong National Development, Inc.

Immigrant Legal Resource Center

Interfaith Worker Justice

Irish Apostolate USA

Japanese American Citizens League

Labor Council for Latin American Advancement

LatinoJustice PRLDEF

Leadership Conference on Civil Rights (LCCR)

Legal Momentum

Lutheran Immigrant and Refugee Service

Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund (MALDEF)  
National Association for Bilingual Education (NABE)  
National Association for the Education and Advancement of Cambodian, Laotian and Vietnamese Americans (NAFEA)  
National Coalition for Asian Pacific American Community Development  
National Council of Jewish Women  
National Council of La Raza (NCLR)  
National Day Laborers Organizing Network  
National Education Association  
National Hispanic Christian Leadership Conference  
National Immigration Forum  
National Immigration Law Center (NILC)  
National Korean American Service & Education Consortium (NAKASEC)  
National PTA  
Nationalities Service Center  
OCA – Embracing the hopes and aspirations of Asian Pacific Americans  
Progressive Jewish Alliance  
Public Affairs Alliance of Iranians Americans  
Public Education Network  
Service Employees International Union (SEIU)  
Southeast Asia Resource Action Center (SEARAC)  
Teachers of English to Speakers of Other Languages, Inc.  
The College Board  
The Hispanic Association of Evangelicals  
The National Advocacy Center of the Sisters of the Good Shepherd  
The United Church of Christ, Justice and Witness Ministries  
Union for Reform Judaism  
Unitarian Universalist Association of Congregations  
United Methodist Church, General Board of Church and Society  
United States Students Association  
Wider Church Ministries  
WIN - the Welcoming Immigrants Network