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## **It is Long Past Time for Congress to Act – Free the Dreamers & Farmworkers, TPS & DED Holders**

“They held the hands of their parents as they made the perilous journey north. They hand-pick our strawberries. They clasped hands upon touching down in America after fleeing natural disasters. Now it is time – long past time – for Members of Congress to raise their hands and vote for passage of the Dream and Promise Act and the Farm Workforce Modernization Act,” said Lawrence E. Couch, Director, National Advocacy Center of the Sisters of the Good Shepherd.

Versions of the Dream Act have passed the House of Representatives before. This year, this spring, the bill needs to be signed into law.

“These undocumented youth, TPS [Temporary Protected Status] and DED [Deferred Enforced Departure] holders and farmworkers are American in all but a piece of paper. They face continuing threats of deportation and have lived so long in uncertainty and with harassment. They deserve peace and the ability to work freely and safely.

“This nation has a long history of welcoming immigrants. It is wrong to play games with the lives of innocent young people and people who have fled tragedy and devastation and those who work in our fields. Most Americans believe that their government should have more compassion. As Catholics, our faith requires that everyone should be treated with the utmost dignity and respect. The National Advocacy Center of the Sisters of the Good Shepherd calls on the United States Congress to pass a pathway to citizenship for all Dreamers, farmworkers and TPS and DED holders,” said Couch.

*[The National Advocacy Center](http://www.nacadvocacy.org) educates and advocates on social justice issues for the transformation of society to the benefit of all people reflecting the spirituality, history and mission of the Sisters of the Good Shepherd. NAC advocates at the Federal level for people living in poverty, immigrants, survivors of human trafficking, survivors of domestic abuse, and other vulnerable populations.*

*The Congregation of Our Lady of Charity of the Good Shepherd was founded in France in 1835 and are in 70 countries on 5 continents and have had a presence in the United States for over 175 years. With a presence in 22 states and 1 U. S. Territory, the Sisters and their Lay Mission Partners have dedicated themselves to serving girls, women and families who experience poverty, exploitation, vulnerability and marginalization.*

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