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DACA Still Hangs in Balance Congress Must Do Its Job

(Silver Spring, MD) – The Fifth Circuit has sent DACA back down, but Congress is where these young people can truly receive welcome.

"We have always known that the fate of hundreds of thousands of young people who were brought to America and now have lived here most of their lives hangs in the balance of Congress," said Fran Eskin-Royer, Executive Director, National Advocacy Center of the Sisters of the Good Shepherd.

"Immigration reform and the final decision on DACA rest with our United States Senators and Representatives. It is past time that they sit down and do their jobs in bipartisan fashion which is the only way immigration reform will succeed," she said.

"Members of Congress have been granted an honor through their elections to public office and they need to do the hard work. Lives are at risk; futures are at risk; America's view of itself as a beacon of welcome, hope and success is at risk.

The Fifth Circuit has made its decision. Congress now must make theirs," concluded Eskin-Royer.

<u>The National Advocacy Center</u> 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.

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The Sisters 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.