Who are DREAMers?

DREAMers are young people who were brought to this country as children, and remain undocumented. For many of them, the United States is the only home they know. Since 2012, hundreds of thousands of them have been covered under the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program, or DACA. Under that program, young people who follow the law, stay in school, and go on to college or the military are protected from deportation. Among those old enough to work, many do so as teachers, nurses, and other vital parts of our communities — and they pay taxes on what they earn.

Why are DREAMers at risk?

The Trump Administration has threatened to revoke DACA, which would put DREAMers at immediate risk of deportation, and damaging communities and the economy:

» Roughly 95% are either in school or working.

» Businesses would incur massive turnover costs.

» The hit to the economy of reversing DACA could reach $60 billion, with a $280 billion reduction in economic growth over the next decade according to bipartisan estimates.

What can I do?

Recent statements from the White House have been encouraging, but DREAMers need enduring protections—in the form of bills currently being proposed on Capitol Hill. Please call your Member of Congress and urge him or her to support lasting protections for DREAMers, including the BRIDGE Act and the DREAM Act.

Call your congressional representatives and ask them to support DREAMers.

1. Find your members of Congress here: www.govtrack.us
2. Dial the main switch board (202) 224-3121
3. The operator at the Capitol switchboard will answer and direct you to your senator’s or representative’s office line, and a legislative assistant will answer.
4. When the legislative assistant answers, simply say:

“Hi, my name is ______ and I am calling from ______ [state your city/town]. I am calling to urge the {Congress(wo)man/Senator} to support continued and lasting supports for DREAMers through the BRIDGE Act and the DREAM Act. Thank you for your time.”

DREAMers are amazing members of our society as teachers, college students, entrepreneurs, and future leaders. They are essential threads needed in the fabric of our country.