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Protect Immigrant Communities: Supporting Dreamers, TPS Holders and Opposing New Restrictions

The Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR), the nation's largest Muslim civil rights and advocacy organization, stands in solidarity with all immigrant communities in the United States. CAIR and the American Muslim community opposes the Islamophobic, anti-immigrant and white supremacist immigration agenda of the Trump administration and asks Congress to reject discriminatory policies that seek to limit the total number of immigrants inside the U.S.

CAIR is urging Congress to take action on the following immigration measures:

- **Protect Dreamers and DACA: SUPPORT the Dream Act of 2017 (H.R. 3440 / S. 1615):** USCMO believes that President Trump's termination of the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program is an act of institutionalizing the demands of anti-immigrant extremists. **The Dream Act of 2017**, provides a pathway for the 800,000 children who were brought to the U.S. as children to become permanent residents, and eventually apply for citizenship. Contact Rep. Lucille Roybal-Allard and Sen. Lindsey Graham's offices to support.
- **Guarantee the Safety of Temporary Protected Status (TPS) Holders: SUPPORT the Safe Environment from Countries Under Repression and Emergency Act (SECURE) Act (S. 2144) and the American Promise Act of 2017 (H.R. 4253):** CAIR questions why this year DHS only extended TPS for 18 months for the 7,000 Syrians, 800 Yemenis and 500 Somalis living inside the U.S. – but did not reauthorize the respective TPS statuses – thereby closing TPS to new applicants from those countries – and condemning existing TPS-holders inside the U.S. to possible deportation to nations the State Department warns citizens not to travel to.

Both H.R. 4253 and S. 2144 provide a way for TPS holders and their family members from El Salvador, Guinea, Haiti, Honduras, Liberia, Nepal, Nicaragua, Sierra Leone, Somalia, South Sudan, Sudan, Syria, and Yemen to adjust their immigration status to legal permanent resident, allowing them to eventually obtain citizenship if they haven't broken any laws and lived in the U.S. for three years. Currently, over 300,000 foreign nationals living in the United States possess TPS status. Contact Rep. Nydia Velazquez and Sen. Chris Van Hollen's offices to support.

- **Protect the Immigration System from the Trump Administration: OPPOSE the Immigration in the National Interest Act of 2017 (H.R. 3775),** sponsored by Rep. Lamar Smith, **and Reforming American Immigration for Strong Employment (RAISE) Act (S. 354),** sponsored by Sen. Tom Cotton. USCMO opposes these **Trump administration-endorsed acts** that would cut legal immigration in half – from 1 million to 500,000 new Green Card holders – and favor English speakers. In addition to cutting the total number of Green Cards, these acts would cut the number Green Cards provided to refugees from 120,000 per year to 50,000; eliminate Green Card preferences for extended and adult family members of U.S. residents, restricting family based immigration preferences for parents, siblings, and adult children of U.S. citizens; and, dismantle the Diversity Immigrant Visa Program – also known as the "Diversity Lottery" – which makes 50,000 visas available yearly to applicants from countries with low rates of immigration to the U.S.