Dear *name of your member of congress*, (don’t know their name? Look here: [Arizona](https://www.govtrack.us/congress/members/AZ) or [Nevada](https://www.govtrack.us/congress/members/NV))

Grace and peace to you in the name of our Lord of Justice and Mercy, Jesus Christ:

Since 2008 The United Methodist Church has held that legislation to reform the “US immigration system must affirm the worth, dignity, and inherent value and rights of migrants.” [1] The official stance of The United Methodist Church is that the US Congress should adopt the DREAM Act. This legislation should “provide for these children, who have lived most of their lives in this country, access to educational opportunities and full participation in the life of the only nation they have known, and identify with, the US.” [2] In the absence of congressional action, DACA (Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals) was filling this gap for undocumented young people brought to the United States by their parents.

On September 5th, President Trump, through Attorney General Jeff Sessions’ announcement, put the future of nearly 800,000 young people, and their families in jeopardy. As you are aware, this action effectively terminated the DACA program, which has protected undocumented immigrant young people from deportation by providing legal status and work authorization.

We, *name of your group*, of the Desert Southwest Conference of The United Methodist Church are in ministry with, and among, many in our community that have been immediately and negatively impacted with fear and hardship by this action. We stand with our DACA young people and condemn the fear and uncertainty that this action has caused.

We insist that our elected representatives to Congress work toward an immediate and permanent solution that will protect and ensure a legal future for DACA young people. This can be done through the passage of legislation that ends any uncertainty, and guarantees a future of dignity here in the United States for DACA young people.

As a people of faith, we are called to act for justice, compassion, and mercy and to hold others accountable for doing the same. We call on Congress to act likewise.

Respectfully,

*Name and city and state*