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**Response to President Trump's Rescission of the Deferred Action  
for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program from the Council of  
Religious Leaders of Metropolitan Chicago**

September 7, 2017 -- We, the members of the Council of Religious Leaders of Metropolitan Chicago, are disappointed with the decision by President Trump to rescind the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program. We represent the great spectrum of religious communities in our community. Our traditions all promote a society built on justice and compassion. Rescinding DACA advances neither.

More than 42,000 DREAMers live in Illinois. They are our students, fellow workers, and congregants. They pay their taxes, participate in our communities, and abide by the law. Ending DACA threatens the stability which they have created for themselves and their families. It causes immediate harm with no discernible return.

Ending DACA is also inconsistent with our common teachings of responsibility for others and protecting the vulnerable. DREAMers were brought here as children. This is their home, and they have chosen to embrace life in our country. Ending DACA contradicts our common belief that children are not held responsible for the decisions of their parents.

We remain steadfast in affirming that justice and compassion are and ought to be the foundations of American society. Protecting the DREAMers is consistent with teachings of our *religious* traditions. We urge our leaders in Springfield and in Washington to embrace this standard and thereby protect the wellbeing of these young people, our communities, and our nation.

Bishop Wayne N. Miller, President