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PRESS RELEASE

Statement from Bishop David J. Malloy, Bishop of the Catholic Diocese of Rockford on the Administration's Decision to End the Deferred Action for a Childhood Arrivals (DACA):

"I must echo the statement issued today by my brother bishops through the United States Catholic Conference of Catholic Bishops, calling the decision to end DACA "reprehensible."

I would add that this decision represents a significant betrayal of trust between our nation, the young people who sought assistance and all the agencies who worked to help them receive protection from deportation and gain temporary employment authorization here in the U.S.—the only home many have ever known.

As the USCCB stated, "This decision is unacceptable and does not reflect who we are as Americans."

As Catholic people we are called to treat our fellow brothers and sisters with justice and be merciful. This decision does none of this.

I pray that this decision be a call to action for all of us as Americans, and especially to people of faith, to demand that those we have elected to represent us in Congress, immediately work on a comprehensive and just plan for immigration reform. This work can no longer wait. "

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