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**Disappointed by Supreme Court's Decision in United States v. Texas**

*Ruling fails to protect 80,000 undocumented Californians in Alameda and Contra Costa Counties.*

Catholic Charities of the East Bay, which offers low-cost legal immigration services provided by Board of Immigration Appeals accredited representatives and licensed immigration lawyers, is profoundly disappointed by the Supreme Court's action, which leaves 80,000 Californians living in the East Bay in fear of deportation and without the immediate ability to improve their lives through the pursuit of lawful employment, higher education and higher wages.

This action could lead to the separation of families, potentially for decades, and it is counter to our belief in the importance of family.

This underscores the need for Congress to step up and pass comprehensive and compassionate reform of our broken immigration system.

Voters must hold our legislators and political candidates accountable for the continuing dysfunction of an immigration system that allows 11 million people in the United States to contribute to our society and economy, to care for our family members and produce our food, but denies them protection from imminent deportation.

Although DAPA and expanded DACA will not be moving forward, many people are still eligible for other forms of immigration relief, including the current DACA program. Catholic Charities of the East Bay offers quality immigration legal screening

and can assist people eligible for existing programs through services in our Concord, Hayward, Oakland and Richmond locations

According to ***Expanding Opportunity***, a report from the USC Center for the Study of Immigrant Integration, “full implementation of DAPA and expanded DACA has the potential to boost family earnings in the state by nearly \$1.7 billion and to bring nearly 40,000 children out of poverty in California.” The report also says that “statewide, six percent of all households include someone who is eligible for DAPA or expanded DACA.”

For over 80 years, Catholic Charities of the East Bay has provided social services to vulnerable children, youth and families. Last year, Catholic Charities of the East Bay served over 14,500 residents in Alameda and Contra Costa Counties and helped 1,168 people enter the pathway to citizenship. In addition to the legal immigration program, services include crisis response for families and friends of homicide victims, trauma-informed counseling for victims of crime and for school children living in high-risk communities, literacy programs, and rental assistance for families facing eviction. For 40 years, Catholic Charities of the East Bay has served as a resettlement agency for refugees from around the world. Catholic Charities of the East Bay was recognized by Congress for its response to Hurricane Katrina, offering housing and employment services to people displaced by the disaster.

**Additional background:**

- From inception in 2012 through March 2016 more than 1.2 million people in the United States have been approved for DACA, enabling them to go to college, to start careers, to travel and otherwise improve their lives.
- While these programs will provide temporary relief to eligible participants, millions more residents without documentation will not be eligible. The only way to permanently protect the estimated 11 million undocumented residents living in the U.S. is for Congress to enact immigration reform and repair our broken immigration system.

- There are many paths to undocumented status, and mistakes in filings can have long-term consequences that worsen the situation, such as preventing re-application for up to a decade. New arrivals to the country are at risk of notario fraud and false immigration representatives. Californians or new arrivals should only accept legal advice from Bureau of Immigration Appeals accredited representatives or licensed immigration lawyers.

More from ***Expanding Opportunity: How California Gains if the President's Executive Actions on Immigration are Implemented*** by Manuel Pastor, Justin Scoggins, and Jared Sanchez, USC Center for the Study of Immigrant Integration.

- 75% of DAPA and expanded DACA-eligible Californians have resided in the U.S. for more than a decade.
- 70% of all undocumented Californians live in a family with at least one citizen and/or Legal Permanent Resident.
- 19% of all minor children have at least one parent who is undocumented – and more than 80% of those children are U.S. citizens.
- DAPA- and expanded DACA-eligible residents have high rates of employment and are foundational to the larger California economy.