

COMMUNICATION TO HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES ON H.R. 4760 AND H.R. 6136

June 20, 2018

Earlier this week, Bishop Joe Vasquez, Chairman of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' Committee on Migration, wrote to you enunciating several principles that should guide your consideration of legislation to provide urgently needed relief to Dreamers. As the full House prepares take up H.R. 4760 and H.R. 6136, we recommend that you cast the following votes:

- **H.R. 4760-NO. We urge you to vote NO on H.R. 4760.**
 - H.R. 4760 does not provide a path to citizenship for Dreamers.
 - H.R. 4760 would make drastic cuts in family-based legal immigration, as well as undermine existing protections for unaccompanied children and asylum seekers.
 - H.R. 4760 does not provide an acceptable solution to the crisis of family separation; rather, it seeks to increase detention of children.

- **H.R. 6136-NO. We urge you to vote NO on H.R. 6136.**
 - H.R. 6136 does not provide an acceptable solution to the crisis of family separation; rather, it seeks to increase detention of children.
 - H.R. 6136 ties the ability of Dreamers and certain eligible children of nonimmigrants to adjust status to funding for the Wall.
 - H.R. 6136 undermines existing protections for unaccompanied children and asylum seekers.

As Bishop Vasquez wrote in his June 18, 2018 letter to the U.S. House of Representatives on **the issue of family separation**: “it is important to note that the bills would not end the practice of separating families at the U.S./Mexico border. Instead, these bills would increase the number of children in detention, which is not acceptable.” On the **issue of Dreamers**, Bishop Vasquez noted in the letter: “we ask for a truly bipartisan effort to achieve a legislative solution for Dreamers that will protect them, keep our borders safe, and will not harm families or the vulnerable. We remain committed to working with Congress to find such a solution.”