Senator [Name]

Address

**Re: Please Support Our Religious Workers!**

**Sunset of Non-Minister Permanent Residence – September 30, 2016**

Dear Senator [Name],

I am a constituent in your district and I write to you in strong support of the **Non-Minister Permanent Residence** portion of the Religious Worker Visa Program (RWVP).

Currently, **the Non-Minister Permanent Residence program will expire on September 30, 2016**. I strongly urge you to make this program permanent. This program has been a great benefit in my community and for the vulnerable population who need help every day. Without the program, religious denominations and organizations will have no way to bring in, where necessary, permanent religious workers to staff religious institutions and to attend to the urgent needs of our vulnerable citizens.

This program allows religious workers like religious sisters, brothers, and other religious occupations to obtain permanent residence to serve the Church here in the U.S. If these religious workers are not able to remain in the U.S. many communities will lose nurses, elderly caretakers, teachers, counselors, and other social services greatly needed to help the poor and vulnerable.

I pray and hope you agree that the loss of this program and the impact of the work of religious workers in our communities is too important to allow this program to expire. Please help our community by supporting legislation to prevent this program from expiring. Thank you.

Sincerely,

[Your name]