

The Embassy of the Republic of Liberia near Washington D. C. congratulates the Liberian community in the United States for the victory over DED.

For many years thousands of Liberians have lived with uncertainty about their fate, many having lived as refugees of war without any clear indication of a successful transition to permanent residency or citizenship in the U.S. in sight.

Having to live in fear, dreading the worst case of possible involuntary relocation after building a life in the United States had been a way of life for many Liberians on DED. With the overwhelming uncertainties, they remained resilient.

It was indeed a long fight seemingly set to end in defeat but with providence and the courage of the people to keep fighting, engaging stakeholders in sustained advocacy, positive result has been attained.

The Embassy wishes to appreciate and commend President Donald J. Trump and members of Congress for this humanitarian gesture. The Embassy also wishes to thank all other stakeholders, especially Hon. Tina Smith of Minnesota, and Hon. Jack Reed of Rhode Island who stood by the Liberian DED beneficiaries in their time of great uncertainty. We further appreciate the Liberian Community Leadership for their unwavering efforts in advocacy, lobbying, providing legal assistance and advice.

The Liberian Diaspora is a key development partner of Liberia and therefore any victory for them is also our victory. Congratulations once more on this histrionic achievement.