Defending the DREAM: What DACA Recipients & Their Allies Need to Know

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Overview

➢ Where we have come and where we are at on DACA

➢ What you need to know in light of the 9/5 Announcement

➢ What you need to know about the DREAM Act and related bills

➢ How to get organized to defend the DREAM
DACA Timeline

- **June 2012**: DACA Program announced by President Obama
- **November of 2014**: DACA expanded (DACA+) and DAPA announced
- **February 2015**: DAPA/DACA+ blocked by District Court in Texas v. U.S. (DACA unaffected)
- **June 2016**: Supreme Court issues a 4-4 decision leaving DAPA/DACA+ blocked
- **June 2017**: President Trump rescinds DAPA/DACA+. Texas, Nebraska and 8 other States called upon Trump to end DACA by September 5, 2017
- **July 2017**: 19 States called upon Trump to keep DACA
- **September 5, 2017**: Trump administration announces DACA rescission
- **September 6, 2017**: 15 States +DC sue to challenge Trump’s decision to end DACA
Memorandum on Rescission of DACA

❖ Your deferred action and work authorization are valid until the date on your work permit.

❖ Any initial applications received by 9/5/17 will continue to be processed.

❖ No further new initial applications will be accepted.
DACa Renewals

Renewals

- Renewal applications pending or received by 9/5/17 will still be adjudicated.
- Only those with work permits expiring between 9/5/17 and 3/5/18 can file a renewal application.
  - MUST file that renewal by OCTOBER 5!
  - $495 fee

If you wish to renew, it is a good idea to first speak to a reputable lawyer who specializes in immigration law.
NILAH 1-855-307-6730
Travel and Information Sharing

Travel
- New advanced parole documents will not be issued.
- Pending requests will be closed and the fees will be returned.
- Previously issued advanced parole documents will “generally” be honored. (As always, advanced parole has some degree of uncertainty to it.)
- For DACA recipients who are outside of the U.S. on advance parole, they should return to the U.S. before their deadline.

Information Sharing
- We do not know how DHS will be handling the information provided in DACA applications.
DACA and Nebraska Law

- Driver’s Licenses
- Professional and Commercial Licenses
What’s Next for DACA Recipients?

- There may be other legal options for you:
  - Cancellation of removal,
  - U-visas,
  - Asylum,
  - Family-based and employment options

- If you traveled out of the country while you had DACA, and came back with advanced parole, it is even more likely that you may have options to obtain status.

- DHS may also let your deferred action expire without putting you in removal proceedings. It is not automatic—they will have to make a decision to put you in proceedings.

- It is critical for you to consult an immigration attorney to evaluate your risk and explore all your options.
Ongoing Litigation

❖ ADAC v. Brewer
Counseling Support to Dreamers

OneWorld
Community Health Centers, Inc.
Call to Action

Time for Nebraska’s Members of Congress to take immediate action!

Pass the bipartisan Dream Act of 2017 – statewide & nationwide support!
Call to Action

Nebraska leaders and communities: overwhelming support for Dreamers & families
Call to Action

More than 80 statewide NE leaders and organizations support Dreamers, including:

mayors,
chambers of commerce,
school superintendents,
police chiefs,
faith leaders,
rural and business leaders
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- Nebraska Cattlemen
- Omaha Chamber
- Columbus, Norfolk Chamber
- Nebraska Catholic Conference
- United Methodist Great Plains Conference
- Nebraska Hospital Association
- League of Nebraska Municipalities
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Recent support in the Nebraska Legislature:

- DACA Driver’s licenses (2015)
- DACA Professional licenses (2016)
- Resolutions supporting DACA (2017) and common-sense immigration laws (2014)
Many Years of Broad Nebraska Support for Common-Sense Immigration Laws
Call to Action

**NOW:** Congress must take immediate action. This isn’t complicated.

Best covers Nebraska’s DACA youth who contribute their skills and talents to local communities
Conditional residency followed by opportunity to apply for citizenship
Call to Action

Current bills related to Dreamers:

Dream Act of 2017 (HR.3440, S.1615)
◦ Long-term solution.
◦ Conditional residency, LPR, later citizenship.
◦ Covers DACA eligible & similar. Arrived by age 18.

Recognizing America’s Children Act (HR.1468)
◦ Similar to above. Arrived by age 16.

Hope Act (HR.3591)

BRIDGE Act
◦ Temporary, buys 3 years to get to long-term bill.
What you can do!

Call your members of Congress
Ask your friends and family to do the same
Who else do you know?
  ◦ Business leaders, faith leaders...
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Questions?