

## DACA PARTICIPANTS SHOULD BE PROTECTED

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The decision by the Trump Administration to end the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program is deeply disturbing. It throws the lives of hundreds of thousands of young immigrants into tremendous uncertainty. I believe it is heartless and short-sighted to revoke the legal status of those who registered with the program in good faith.

As an educator, I know that the future of young people is inextricably tied to the future of our nation. Those who came to the United States as children know no other country. They are studying and working to achieve the same American Dream we all share. They are rightfully called "Dreamers."

I join many other higher education leaders in urging Congress to act with compassion on this issue as soon as possible and to provide permanent protection to DACA participants. One possible solution that should be considered is the DREAM Act, bipartisan legislation that would allow individuals brought to the U.S. as children to pursue a higher education, serve in the military, or work for at least three years to pursue a path to citizenship.

For those in the SMU community who have questions or concerns, the following resources are recommended:

[U.S. Department of Education Resource Guide](#)

[American Council on Education Brief on Immigration](#)

[FAQs for DACA Recipients and All Undocumented Immigrants](#)



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