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Dear WACAC Member,

This week President Trump announced he would be ending the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program [DACA]. This program allows for immigrants who were brought to the US illegally as children to stay in the country, receive education, and gain employment. These 800,000 Dreamers contribute to the economy by paying taxes, working and attending college, and have near spotless criminal records. The DACA program will end in six months according to the Trump administration. Simultaneously, the President has put pressure on Congress to act on DACA. This presents us with an advocacy opportunity.

The Government Relations Committee hopes you will join us in voicing your support for the DREAM Act. Please be on the lookout for other advocacy opportunities related to the DREAM Act and other topics in the near future.

NACAC has created an action alert for the Dream Act. You can urge your Congresspersons to pass the DREAM Act [here](#).

NACAC's statement on the termination of the DACA program is below.

Arlington, VA (Sept. 5, 2017) — *The National Association for College Admission Counseling (NACAC) strongly opposes the Trump administration's decision to end the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program as a regressive step that hurts many of America's brightest, most vulnerable youth.*

NACAC has, for nearly two decades, attempted to raise awareness of the plight of undocumented youth in our country. DACA students and other undocumented young people contribute to this country's vibrant educational, political, economic, and cultural life. Many leaders from both political parties in Congress and prior administrations have worked to try to alleviate the hardships these students face. The policy outlined today abandons these efforts.

"Today's announcement is needlessly complex and will lead to confusion for thousands of students, schools, universities, and employers. As a community of counseling professionals, we

will do everything within our power to support DACA-eligible and other undocumented students,” said NACAC CEO Joyce Smith. “We also call on Congress to pass the DREAM Act or similar legislation so we can provide stability to these students’ lives.”

For more information about NACAC’s advocacy in support of undocumented students, visit: http://cqrcengage.com/nacac/undocumented_students?1.

Best Regards,

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