

DACA Announcement Reaction Toolkit

Thank you for stepping up to Defend Dreamers.

As you may know, we are anticipating that the Trump administration will soon make an announcement about the future of the DACA program.

If there is an announcement by President Trump to terminate the DACA program that has provided protections from deportations and the ability to work and attend school for more than 800,000 Immigrant young people, we want an immediate and strong reaction across America, with diverse voices from across the political spectrum and civil society:

- Raising our voices in outrage at the President's cruel and inhumane action,
- Calling on Congress to take immediate action by passing the bi-partisan Dream Act of 2017 that protects immigrant youth without further imperiling the immigrant community through legislative dealmaking, and
- Demonstrating America's support and welcome of immigrants.

Upon Announcement by President Trump we are asking supporters to:

1. Issue immediate statements, tweets reactions. Top line messages: 1) Trump's white nationalist agenda is putting immigrant youth at risk, 2) Call for Congress to act immediately to protect immigrant youth through the bi-partisan Dream Act of 2017 with a clear demand to not use them as bargaining chips to further criminalize and persecute the broader immigrant community and 3) Immigrants are welcomed and here to stay.
2. Launch into actions or participate in actions in your state on the same day of the announcement directed at the following:
 - a) Trump (White House/Buildings associated with Trump) [here](#).
 - b) Republican MOC's/Senators and select Democratic MOC's/Senators. Find your member of Congress [here](#) or Senator [here](#) or
 - c) ICE and/or USCIS offices (symbolic location for mobilization)

Let us know about your action [here](#) or find an action near you (this website will be live once the announcement is made) [here](#)

3. Drive calls to Congressional offices to pass the bi-partisan Dream Act of 2017 immediately that protects immigrant youth and does not jeopardize other immigrants **-888-542-8298 and**
4. Call on your state and local officials to issue statements of support and resolutions to protect immigrant youth.

Post the immediate 48 hour reaction period where we want spontaneous and strong actions, calls, and statements we are asking allies to partner with us in a sustained action campaign that protects immigrants and elevates the pressure on Congress to act immediately passing the bi-partisan Dream Act of 2017 that protects immigrant youth without compromise.

Messaging to develop statements/tweets:

Talking Points On Trump Ending DACA *These are intended to be topline, messagey, and hard hitting so people can respond immediately and then add in additional information later*

- Following his pardon of racist Arpaio Trump has gotten even crueler by removing protections for 800k Dreamers. The white supremacists who were just chanting you will not replace us' in Charlottesville must be proud.
- It is crystal clear that Trump is doubling down on siding with the white supremacists inside and outside his administration and trying to save his crumbling polling numbers with racist attacks.
- These are 800,000 brave young adults who are working or going to school, living their lives, and contributing to America. This is their home. Taking legal status away from them so Trump can deport them is immoral and wrong.
- It's not just morally wrong; it will hurt our economy. Nearly 700,000 DACA recipients are in our workforce and ending it will be massively disruptive not only to their lives but also to their employers, their coworkers, their patients, their employees.
- It's time for Republicans to decide which side of history do they want to be on.
- Are they going to protect 800,000 young adults who want a life of dignity and respect, or side with Trump and the white supremacists?
- Are they going to pass the bi-partisan Dream Act that creates a path to citizenship for Dreamers, without using their parents and loved ones as bargaining chips? Or will they stand idly by and let their president destroy the lives and livelihoods of these talented young Americans?

Sample tweets:

.@realDonaldTrump has stripped legal status of young immigrants who make America strong. Congress must right this wrong: pass #DreamAct!

@HouseGOP @SenateGOP have a choice: side w/ 800,000+ young immigrants and protect them... or uphold Trump's hate agenda? #HeretoStay

Trump's decision against Dreamers is not the end for immigrants. Congress must do right by them: pass the Dream Act. #HeretoStay

800,000+ dreamers are in our workforce. Ending DACA not only disrupts their lives but also their employers, coworkers, patients & more.

Will Congress pass the Dream Act, which creates a path to citizenship for Dreamers, without using their loved ones as bargaining chips? 1/2

Or will they stand idly by and let the president destroy the lives and livelihoods of immigrants? #HeretoStay 2/2

Trump decision on #DACA is morally wrong & economically unwise. Congress must stand up 4 young immigrants & America. Protect immigrants now!

Action ideas for the day of the announcement (note you will want to time the action to have the most people participate and for it to be press worthy so don't forget to contact your local press about your action):

Join a local action by finding one near you at www.weareheretostay.org (will be live once announcement made)

If an action is not already organized in your community, plan and organize one yourself. Organize a press conference/rally/action/vigil/ prayer service and invite allies in the faith, labor, and civil rights community in your city to join you at:

1. A building associated with Trump, if it exists, find one near you [here](#) or
2. At the local office of your Republican Senator or Member of Congress and select Democratic Senators/MOC's. Find your Member of Congress [here](#) or Senator [here](#) or
3. At an ICE office or DHS facility
4. Register your action [here](#) so other people can join you

Handmade signs at the rally/press conference should include but are not limited to the following messages:

- Here To Stay
- Shame on Trump
- We Reject Hate/We Stand with Immigrants
- We Reject Trump/We Stand with Immigrants
- We stand with Dreamers/America Stands with Dreamers
- We Stand with Immigrants/America rejects Trump
- Congress: Protect Dreamers NOW
- America Says YES to Immigrants/America Says NO to Trump

Remember to;

- Create a FB event/action to get the word out
- Contact your local press to cover the action by calling the news desks and sending out a press advisory
- Enter your action information [here](#)
- Post to social media using the hashtags #HeretoStay and/or #RejectTrump

Remember, anti-immigrant forces will want to disrupt our actions so they can paint us in a bad light-don't let them. We have the moral high ground, the majority of the American public is with us!

Thank you and remember to send an after action report to: defendourdreams@googlegroups.com