

# Policy Update on DACA



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#### Rescission of Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA)

#### **Timeline of Rescission**

- June 29 <u>Letter from 10 State AGs</u> to Sessions
  - Lawsuit if not rescinded by Sept. 5
- September 4 <u>Letter from Sessions</u> to DHS
  - Unconstitutional exercise of authority by the Executive Branch
- September 5 <u>DHS memo</u> rescinding 2012 DACA

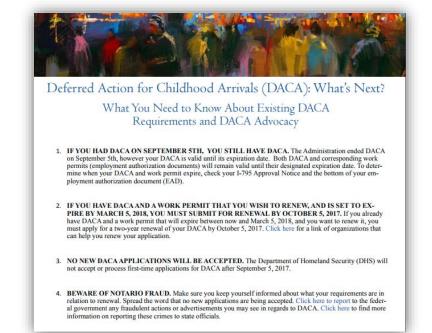


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## Key Takeaways on DACA Termination

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- No new applicants;
- Both DACA and corresponding work permits will remain valid until their designated expiration date;
- Those with existing DACA expiring between Sept. 5 and March 5 can apply for renewal.
  - October 5, 2017
  - Letter to DHS



DACA What's Next: <u>https://justiceforimmigrants.org/2016site/wp-</u> content/uploads/2017/08/DACA-Whats-Next-1.pdf

## **USCCB & Catholic Response**

- Cardinal Daniel N. DiNardo, Archbishop José H. Gomez, Bishop Joe S. Vásquez, and Bishop Joseph J. Tyson:
  - "The cancellation of the DACA program is reprehensible."
  - "The Church has recognized and proclaimed the need to welcome young people."
  - "DACA youth are woven into the fabric of our country and of our Church, and are, by every social and human measure, American youth."
  - "We strongly urge Congress to act and immediately resume work toward a legislative solution."
  - Full Statement: <u>http://www.usccb.org/news/2017/17-157.cfm</u>

Over 35 statements by individual Bishops, as well as several Catholic Conferences (including NJ, TX, NE, AZ, NM, and CA): https://justiceforimmigrants.org/2016site/wp-

<u>content/uploads/2017/08/DACA-Support-1.pdf</u>

- Executive Committee:
  - "[T]he Committee urges the Catholic faithful and all people of good will to contact their representatives in Congress to urge the passage of the DREAM Act or similar legislation as a prompt, humane, and durable solution to this problem of greatest urgency."
  - "[R]equests that the Department of Homeland Security extend the October 5, 2017 deadline for the DACA renewals."
  - Full Statement: <u>http://www.usccb.org/news/2017/17-165.cfm</u>

#### **ARCHDIOCESE OF WASHINGTON** – Encuentro y Acompañamiento

- V Encuentro Celebration
- DREAMers Retreat
- Walk with Mary
- National Migration Week



#### Legislation

- BRIDGE Act (H.R. 496 / S. 128)
  - Rep. Coffman (R-CO) / Senator Graham (R-SC)
  - Introduced January 2017 (pre-inauguration)
  - Estimated 1.9 million potentially eligible
  - Stop-gap measure (3 years of protection)
- DREAM Act (H.R. 3440 / S. 1615)
  - Reps. Roybal-Allard (D-CA) and Ros-Lehtinen (R-FL) / Senators Graham (R-SC) and Durbin (D-IL)
  - Introduced July 2017
  - Estimated 1.8 million potentially protected
  - Permanent Resident Status on a Conditional Basis & path to citizenship
- RAC Act (H.R. 1468)
  - Rep. Curbelo (R-FL)
  - Introduced March 2017
  - Estimated 1.06 million potentially eligible
  - Permanent Resident Status on a Conditional Basis & path to citizenship



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#### What Can You Do?

#### • Learn More.

- Sign up for Justice for Immigrants: <u>https://justiceforimmigrants.org/take-action/join-us/</u>
- DACA Resources Page: <u>https://justiceforimmigrants.org/daca-resource-page/</u>
- Contact Your Lawmakers. Urge your members of Congress to cosponsor the DREAM Act. Take action at: <u>https://justiceforimmigrants.org/action-</u> <u>alerts/action-alert-support-dream-act-2017/</u>
- Share Stories and Information on DACA Renewal Clinics.
- Stay tuned for information on week of action (Share the Journey Campaign).

# **Questions**?

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Thank you for joining us today!