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## **STATEMENT ON TRUMP ADMINISTRATION'S RESCISSION OF DEFERRED ACTION FOR CHILDHOOD ARRIVALS (DACA)**

The young people who benefit from the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program represent many of the best and brightest that our country has to offer. The Borderland Immigration Counsel (BIC) condemns the decision of the Trump Administration to rescind DACA protections for roughly 800,000 young people who were brought to the US as children.

The announcement today by Attorney General Jeff Sessions that the DACA program will be rescinded is a betrayal of core American values. DACA beneficiaries go on to be doctors<sup>1</sup>, lawyers<sup>2</sup>, teachers<sup>3</sup>, paramedics<sup>4</sup> and nurses<sup>5</sup>, and give back to our communities in innumerable ways. Their contributions are vital to the strength and stability of our country. The decision to end DACA is not a reflection of the value of these young people to our communities, but is simply one more policy from an administration that promotes fear and xenophobia to score with its political base.

The Borderland Immigration Counsel calls on members of Congress on both sides of the aisle to work immediately to protect DACA program beneficiaries from deportation, and to pass legislation that will provide a path to permanent status for immigrants living and working in our communities, many of which cannot obtain status because of the byzantine and antiquated immigration laws that currently exist.

**To our immigrant brothers and sisters: We stand with you.** The Borderland Immigration Council is committing to work for local and national policies that reflect what we already know- Immigrants make this country great. Today is a dark day, but we will continue to fight together to find the light of justice. Si se puede.

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.theatlantic.com/health/archive/2017/09/daca-med-students-face-uncertain-futures/538695/>

<sup>2</sup> <http://abcnews.go.com/Politics/dreamers-head-back-school-facing-fears-dacas-future/story?id=49603097>

<sup>3</sup> <https://www.teachforamerica.org/join-tfa/is-tfa-for-me/dacamented-teachers>

<sup>4</sup> <https://www.nytimes.com/2017/09/04/us/daca-trump-hurricane-harvey.html>

<sup>5</sup> [http://www.huffingtonpost.com/national-council-of-la-raza-/daca-made-a-future-nurses-dreams-become-a-reality\\_b\\_7417226.html](http://www.huffingtonpost.com/national-council-of-la-raza-/daca-made-a-future-nurses-dreams-become-a-reality_b_7417226.html)