

Tell Your MoCs to Stand Up for Childhood Arrivals and Co-Sponsor S.1615 and H.R. 3591

One of the most important programs created under President Obama was the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program. Now Trump is dead set on getting rid of it and then deporting those who have benefited from it. Here is what you need to know about it. He recently announced he would end it with a six-month delay—and that delay should allow Congress to save DACA with these immigration bills.

WHAT IS DACA?

In 2012, President Obama created the DACA program to grant relief from deportation to individuals who came to the U.S. as children, if they met a number of requirements (like background checks). The program has allowed approximately 800,000 young people the opportunity to live and work lawfully in the U.S. It does not provide a path to citizenship.

Obtaining DACA has proven to be transformative. A 2016 study revealed that DACA has improved the lives of its recipients and their families, showing that, among DACA recipients:

- 95% are currently working or in school
- 48% got a job with better working conditions
- 63% got a better paying job
- 90% got a driver's license or state ID
- 54% bought their first car
- 12% bought their first home

ELIMINATING DACA WOULD DEVASTATE NEARLY A MILLION PEOPLE AND THEIR FAMILIES

Removing DACA protections from these hundreds of thousands of young people would turn their lives upside down, and harm the communities where they live, work and study. The only beneficiary would be the for-profit private immigrant detention complex and Trump's runaway deportation machine, which would embark on a new taxpayer-funded mission to apprehend, process, detain and remove these young people.

WHAT CAN YOU DO TO PROTECT DADOCUMENTED YOUTH?

Call your Senators and tell them to co-sponsor the bipartisan Durbin-Graham "DREAM Act" (S. 1615) to create a legislative fix to the predicament of these young Americans, and take their future out of Trump's hands.

JR. SENATOR ROB PORTMAN

2016: *"Kevin Smith, a spokesman for Mr. Portman, said, 'Senator Portman believes the president's unilateral executive action on immigration[DACA/DAPA] violated federal law and exceeded his authority under the Constitution and trusts that Supreme Court will affirm the decision of the Fifth Circuit striking it down.'"*

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SR. SENATOR SHERROD BROWN

2017 (today via Twitter): *"President Trump promised to go after violent criminals, not innocent children. We should not be targeting young people who are working, going to school, paying taxes, and contributing to this country—the country they grew up in and the only home they've ever known."*

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Call your House Representative and tell her/him to co-sponsor Rep. Gutierrez's American Hope Act (H.R. 3591) to give those with DACA and others who arrived in the United States as children a path to permanent legal status and eventual citizenship.

12TH DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVE PAT TIBERI (R)

2017: Pat Tiberi voted in favor of HR 3003, "No Sanctuary for Criminals" Act, which prohibits federal grant money from reaching cities who have declared themselves Sanctuary Cities for undocumented American residents.ⁱⁱ 2017: Voted Yes on building a fence along the U.S. border with Mexico. Tiberi scores 100% by USCB on immigration issues. The U.S. Border Control is "dedicated to ending illegal immigration by securing our nation's borders and reforming our immigration policies. USCB [works with] Congressmen to stop amnesty; seal our borders against terrorism and illegal immigration; and, preserve our nation's language, culture and American way of life for future generations."ⁱⁱⁱ

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15TH DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVE STEVE STIVERS (R)

2017: Steve Stivers did not vote at all on HR 3003, "No Sanctuary for Criminals" Act.

2014: Rep. Steve Stivers (R-Ohio) acknowledged that DACA is popular, but says that the program, created through an Obama Administration executive order, has been "abused" and has helped incentivize child migrants to come to the U.S.^{iv}

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3RD DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVE JOYCE BEATTY (D)

2017: Joyce Beatty is an ally to DACA. "we need an immigration system that ... is humane and grounded in common sense and accountability."

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ⁱ <http://americasvoice.org/blog/senator-portmans-political-games-dont-hide-extremism-immigration/>

ⁱⁱ VoteSmart.org

ⁱⁱⁱ http://www.ontheissues.org/OH/Pat_Tiberi_Immigration.htm

^{iv} <https://stivers.house.gov/news/documentsingle.aspx?DocumentID=390654>