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DREAM ACT Update

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# What's At Risk:

Family & Future



Approximate 800,000 DACA Recipients

- Supplied their information to Federal Government
- Passed multiple background checks
- Are essential to the preservation of the family unit, the bedrock of the United States



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# How We Benefit

## Economic Contributions



- 87% are working & paying taxes (2016 ILRC Report)
- Starting businesses 2x more than general population (2017 Center for American Progress Report)
- If removed, would reduce GDP by \$433.4 billion over 10 years (2016 ILRC Report)
- If removed would cost employers \$3.4 billion in turnover costs (2016 ILRC Report)
- If removed, Medicare & Social Security will lose \$24.6 billion over the next 10 years (2016 ILRC Report)



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# How We Benefit

## Security

- As a requirement of DACA, recipients have passed multiple background checks (2017 USCIS)
- DACA recipients serve in the U.S. Military (2017 U.S. Department of Defense)
- Study after study have proven it is statistically safe to live in an immigrant neighborhood. Incarceration rates is less than half for the foreign born as they are for native born in the United States (2008 Public Policy Institute of California)
- Passage of legislation would allow focus on those who truly mean our nation harm





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## How We Benefit

Humanity

- Founding principle “all men are create equal”
- U.S. has held the mantle, as a champion of human dignity, a champion of the human spirit
- Imagine having to worry about having your child step of the bus, only to find out you were deported? What would happen to them? How would they feel?
- They serve in the U.S. Military, pledge allegiance to the only country they have ever known, in most cases, do not speak the language of their country of origin and more.
- They put their faith in the U.S. Government, in the American people to fix our broken system. We cannot fail them.





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# Public Support Is Overwhelming!



- 86% of Americans want residency for DACA recipients (2017 ABC/Washington Post Poll)
- 77% of Americans want pathway to citizenship for DACA recipients (2017 Harvard-Harris Poll)
- 66% of Republicans want a pathway to citizenship for DACA recipients that learn English, pay a fine, find work and pay taxes (2017 Harvard-Harris Poll)

*We cannot settle for less from Republicans or Democrats!*



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## Legislative Update



- Recension of DACA avoided in January 2017
- Interest elevated on Trump announcement
- Bipartisan effort in Senate, partisan efforts in House
- Question of degree, Benefit vs. Enforcement
- Targeted for next week, extended Tax Cut debate has pushed back appropriations & DACA legislation





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# Legislative Update



A question of timing...

- Appropriations to be pushed to January leading to the need for a continuing resolution
- Republicans have stated they want a stand-alone bill
- Democrats have shared they will not support an appropriations bill without a DACA solution
- Last stand on CR or Appropriations Bill
- Efforts by both sides to undermine the effort



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Need to pressure all sides!

# DREAM ACT NOW National Mobilization

## December 6th - National Day of Action for #DreamActNow and #SaveTPS

8:30AM - Breakfast at Hotel

9:30AM - Depart to Hispanic Heritage Foundation

10AM - Advocacy Training - Hispanic Heritage Foundation - 1001 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Washington, DC

12PM - National Mobilization and Rally for #DreamActNow and #SaveTPS - Lafayette Square, Washington, DC

3PM - Begin scheduled Congressional Meetings on Capitol Hill

5PM - Working dinner

## Dec 7th

8:00AM - Breakfast at Hotel

9:00AM - Letter Drop-offs and congressional Visits

12PM - Lunch on the Hill

1PM - Letter drop-offs and congressional visits

5PM - Dinner on your own

## Dec 8th

8:00AM - Breakfast at Hotel & Check out

9:00AM - Letter Drop-offs and congressional Visits

12PM - Lunch on the Hill

1PM - Letter drop-offs and congressional visits

3PM - Pick up belongings & head to airport



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# Action Items



## Engagement

- Email, Call, Letters & Visits to Congressional Representatives
- Encourage family and friends to do the same
- Schedule press conferences
- Highlight DACA stories in your community
- Be credible and informational, not confrontational. Tailor story to those we need to persuade



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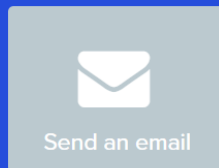
### Alert: Tell Congress to Protect DREAMers and Support the DREAM Act!

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Time for Congress To Take Action on DACA



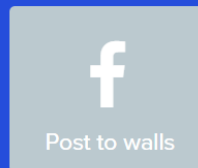
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