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FORWARD LATINO CONDEMNS COURT DECISION ON DACA AND CALLS FOR CONGRESSIONAL ACTION TO CODIFY PROGRAM AND PROVIDE EARNED PATHWAY TO CITIZENSHIP
Group to travel to Washington DC to meet with Sr. Administration Officials & Legislators

Franklin, WI – Forward Latino, a national non-profit, non-partisan service and advocacy organization headquartered in Franklin, Wisconsin and with affiliates and members in 29 states condemned Wednesday’s court decision that declared the Deferred Action Childhood Arrival (DACA) program unlawful.

DACA was first implemented in 2012 and has allowed children brought to the United States by their parents without proper authorization to apply for DACA status, which provides them with temporary lawful status that is renewable. This is a power that has been widely used by numerous presidents over the decades. DACA also provides temporary work authorization to DACA recipients as well as an opportunity to apply for advance parole which allows those granted this benefit, to travel to and from the United States.

Forward Latino National President Darryl Morin issued the following statement:

“Today’s decision is yet another injustice being perpetrated on individuals, who for no fault of their own, were brought to this country by their parents. Today many live in the only country they have ever known. To these individuals we say, “You are not alone. We are here with and for you.”

While today’s decision will certainly be appealed, it is time for Congress to finally act. National polls consistently show that over 70% of the American public want to provide DACA recipients with a lawful permanent status as well as an earned pathway to citizenship.

In addition, we also know that DACA recipients are hardworking and contribute greatly to our nation’s economy. A 2021 study by The Center for American Progress found that the 600,000 DACA recipients pay over \$9.4 billion dollars annually in taxes with more than 343,000 working in jobs deemed “essential” by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security. The study also found that over 68,000 DACA recipients have purchased homes, make over \$760 million in mortgage payments and much more.

It is clear, codifying DACA through legislation and providing an earned pathway to citizenship is not only the moral thing to do but is also good for our economy. It is time for Congress to do the will of the people and pass this much overdue legislation!”

Forward Latino will be leading a delegation of its members and affiliates to Washington, D.C. in early October to discuss DACA and other pressing issues with Senior Biden Administration officials and members of Congress.

About Forward Latino:

Forward Latino is a non-profit, non-partisan organization that empowers affiliates to inspire and engage communities, strengthen our democracy, improve the lives of working families, protect the environment, and stand up for equality and civil rights. Forward Latino cultivates, trains, and supports a diverse national network of Latina/o/x community leaders addressing the civic, economic, and political challenges of the 21st century. Forward Latino has members and affiliates across 29 states. www.forwardlatino.org

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