

Statement on DACA Termination from Juntos Podemos / Together We Can

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Juntos Podemos, an initiative created by Parents' Alliance and Integra Institute, leader organizations of the Mexican and Hispanic community nationwide, vigorously and adamantly opposes and condemns President Trump's shameful decision to rescind DACA (Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals). Rescinding DACA is a cruel and inhumane policy that threatens the young and vulnerable recipients with deportation from the only country many of them have ever known.

DACA is a program of vital importance not just to its recipients and their families but also to the morale of the nation. The nearly 800,000 young men and women protected from deportation under DACA make real contributions to our country that we cannot throw away. The economic cost of ending DACA are enormous as we have invested in their developments. The Center for American Progress recently estimated these potential wasted economic benefits to be a staggering \$433.4 billion in gross domestic product over the next decade.

Together We Can/ Juntos Podemos stands by those affected by this bigoted policy. An estimate of 618,342, or 78% of all Dreamers are Mexican citizens. DACA beneficiaries are doctors and nurses taking care of our elderly, homeowners giving back to their communities, investors, business owners and hardworking people making our cities thrive.

We urge Republican Congressional Leadership to act immediately to enact relief for these young men and women who with their hard work only mean the best for this country.

Additional legal and mental health resources can be found here:

<http://americasvoice.org/blog/donald-trump-just-overturned-daca/>

<http://weareheretostay.org/>