



DEFEND DACA & IMMIGRANTS

8 / 18 / 17

AGENDA

- o **Welcome – Shiu Ming Cheer**
- o **Advocacy to defend DACA & Dream bills - Ignacia Rodriguez**
- o **Legal challenges to DACA – Josh Stehlik**
- o **NAKASEC’s work to defend DACA & how to get involved – Sookyung Oh**
- o **Muslim and refugee ban field activities – Zahra Billoo**
- o **Q&A (15 min)**

ADVOCACY TO DEFEND DACA

DEFEND OUR DREAMS CAMPAIGN



Campaign Manager: Sylvia Ruiz

Using field, communications, federal- and state-level advocacy, and litigation strategies, our primary campaign goals are to:

- Secure protections and benefits for undocumented immigrant youth who benefit from DACA;
- Leverage threats to the DACA program and detentions and deportations of immigrant youth to redefine the national debate on immigration to highlight the stories of people who have benefitted from DACA and who will be impacted if Trump were to terminate the program and the positive contributions Dreamers and immigrants make in our communities, as well as to forcefully refute false narratives regarding the threats that immigrants pose to American society; and
- Build broad-based opposition to efforts to dismantle DACA and ramp up detentions and deportations of Dreamers, and highlight how such policies erode fundamental rights and run counter to the values of freedom, justice, and opportunity upon which the United States was founded.

SOME OPPORTUNITIES TO GET INVOLVED

- Engage your state and local elected officials in the fight to defend DACA. Use this [toolkit](#) which NILC and the Center for American Progress created, and includes sample press release, state statistics, and other relevant information.
- Tell Trump to #DefendDACA [Petition](#)
- Tell Members of Congress to #DefendDACA including at [Town Halls](#)
- Share your [story](#)!
- If you have any questions regarding the [application process](#), whether you should apply for [DACA under the Trump Presidency](#), or if you want to learn more about the current [threats DACA is facing](#), please refer to our [website](#).
- Gearing up for September 5th!!!!

DACA-RELATED BILLS

BAR REMOVAL OF INDIVIDUALS WHO DREAM AND GROW OUR ECONOMY (BRIDGE) ACT

- Introduced on March 9th by Rep. Carlos Curbelo (R-FL-26)
- Does not offer a path to citizenship
- Extends DACA for, at most, an additional 3 years from the date of the Act's enactment.

DREAM ACT OF 2017

(S.1615 & H.R.3440)

- **Senate bill introduced on July 20th by Sen. Lindsay Graham (R-SC) and Sen. Richard Durbin (D-IL).**
- **House of Reps. bill introduced on July 26th by Rep. Lucille Roybal-Allard (D-CA-40) and Rep. Ileana Ros-Lehtinen (R-FL-27).**
- **Offers a path to citizenship**
 - Conditional permanent residency (CPR) (8 years) → LPR (5 years) → eligible for naturalization (after a total of 13 years)

DREAM ACT OF 2017 (S.1615 & H.R.3440)

To be eligible for conditional permanent residence (CPR) a person must:

1. Have no lawful status, or have a final order of removal, or have TPS, or have DACA;
2. Have entered the U.S. before turning 18;
3. Earned a high school diploma, a state equivalent, or a G.E.D. certificate; or enrolled in a secondary school program to obtain a high school diploma or G.E.D; or was admitted to an institution of higher education;
4. Be continuously present in the U.S. for at least 4 years before the date of enactment;
5. Not have committed certain criminal offenses and pass a background check.

DACA recipients become CPR automatically by having DACA, unless they've engaged in conduct that makes them ineligible.

DREAM ACT OF 2017 (S.1615 & H.R.3440)

Eligibility for lawful permanent residence (LPR) and citizenship

- can apply for LPR status after 8 year in CPR status;
- must have no criminal issues, as outlined in the Act;
- must not have abandoned their residence;
- must have completed **one** of the following:
 - Education: (1) acquired a higher education degree, (2) completed at least 2 years in a bachelor's degree program
 - Military: served in the armed forces for at least 2 years
 - Work: been employed for a total of at least 3 years (75% of it with valid employment authorization)
 - Be eligible for a hardship exception.

Can be eligible for naturalization, likely, after 5 years in LPR status.

AMERICAN HOPE ACT OF 2017

Introduced on 07/28/2017 by Rep. Luis Gutierrez (D-IL-4) and co-sponsored by 116 other representatives.

Offers a path to citizenship

- Conditional permanent residency (CPR) (3 years) → LPR (2 years) → eligible for naturalization (after a minimum of 5 years)

Eligibility for conditional permanent resident (CPR) status, valid for 8 years

- Entered before turning 18;
- been continuously living in the U.S. since at least 12/31/2016;
- not have any lawful status or be in removal proceedings, have previous order of removal or be DACA recipient;
- not be convicted of certain crimes and be able to pass a background check.

Eligibility for lawful permanent resident (LPR) and citizenship

- Can apply for LPR status after 3 years with CPR;
- must not have abandoned their residence in the U.S. while in CPR;
- must not have committed certain criminal offenses outlined in the Act and can pass a background check;
- **any time spent under DACA can count towards the 3-year CPR requirement (ex. if you apply for CPR having had DACA for 2 years, you will only need 1 more year until you can adjust to LPR status);
- eligible for naturalization after conditional basis is removed, and time in CPR may apply toward the general 5-year permanent resident requirement before being able to apply for citizenship.

LEGAL CHALLENGES TO DACA

TEXAS V. U.S.

- Texas Attorney General + 9 other states threatened to challenge the legality of DACA program unless Trump agrees to end DACA by September 5
- Texas v. U.S. case currently stayed until September 5
- **Scenarios**
 - Federal gov't agrees to end DACA by 9/5
 - Federal gov't does not end DACA & Texas asks the same judge that blocked DAPA and expanded DACA to add a challenge in Texas v. U.S. to the original DACA program
 - Judge grants MALDEF's request to dismiss the case

ADAC V. BREWER

- **AZ request for Supreme Court to hear the case**
 - Supreme Court has asked for the views of the current Solicitor General before the Court decides whether or not to hear the case
- **Issues**
 - Preemption
 - Equal Protection
 - Future of DACA?



WHAT CAN YOU DO TO #DEFENDDACA

SOOKYUNG OH, NAKA



#DREAMACTION17

Round the clock, 22 day presence in front of the White House to demand that President Trump and Congress #DefendDACA and #SaveTPS.

Daily prayers and blessings at 8:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. @ Murrow Park (19th and H Streets NW)





#DREAMACTION17 – WAYS TO SUPPORT

Meet us at the White House. 2 p.m.? 2 a.m.? We'll be there.

Promote. Facebook, Twitter, website.

Connect NAKASEC with faith organizations.

Sign and circulate the online petition.

Encouragement and Donations. Stories, notes, snacks, meals, citronella candles, \$, etc.

www.nakasec.org/act



#DEFENDDACAC

Join a local action: www.defenddaca.com

Urge your Representatives, Senators, and local elected officials (such as your Attorney General) to make a public announcement supporting DACA and TPS.

Co-sponsor DREAM Act.



MUSLIM & REFUGEE BAN ACTIVITIES

MUSLIM AND REFUGEE BAN CASES

- **10/10: Two cases consolidated and argued in front of U.S. Supreme Court**

- **Some key dates for field activity:**

9/1: Eid; National Day of Action in conjunction with Texas' law SB4 going into effect

9/5: Congress back from recess

9/11: 16th anniversary of 9/11; IRAP and Hawaii briefs due

9/15-24: National Welcoming Week

9/17: Constitution Day (aka Citizenship Day)

9/27: Marks 90 days of the Muslim Ban



MUSLIM AND REFUGEE BAN CASES

Where?

- Momentum is building: you can get involved!
- Examples: LA, Detroit, Seattle, Atlanta, San Diego, New York City

10/10 mobilization in D.C. Join us!



RESOURCES



NILC Health Care Toolkit for Providers

- NILC has released a compilation of resources for health care providers seeking to create a safe space within their facility for immigrant patients
- You may access the toolkit by registering at: <https://healthtoolkit.nilc.org/register/>
- Types of resources included:
 - Resources on the Fourth Amendment, HIPAA, and Sensitive Locations Memos
 - KYR Resources for Patients
 - Recommendations for Creating Safe Spaces
 - Various other health & immigration-related resources

RESOURCES

- **Stories in Defense of DACA:**
<https://www.nilc.org/issues/daca/daca-fifth-anniversary-stories/>
- **Legal Threats to DACA:**
<https://www.nilc.org/issues/daca/scenarios-legal-threats-to-daca/>
- **Side by Side – DACA & Related 2017 Legislation:**
<https://www.nilc.org/issues/immigration-reform-and-executive-actions/dreamact/daca-related-2017-legislation/>
- **Supreme Court's Action on Muslim & Refugee Ban:**
<https://www.nilc.org/issues/immigration-enforcement/understanding-scotus-action-muslim-ban2/>

QUESTIONS?

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