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Latinos for a Secure Retirement Joins More Than 1,860 Fellow American Leaders in Declaring “We Are With Dreamers”

“Protect DACA and Pass the Dream Act” – Latinos for a Secure Retirement Joins Statement Featuring Governors, Mayors, State AGs, Other Elected Officials, Faith, Civic, and Law Enforcement Leaders

Washington, D.C. – Latinos for a Secure Retirement announced today that it has joined more than 1,860 fellow leaders in signing onto a new [“We Are With Dreamers” statement](#) calling on President Trump to preserve the successful Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program and for Congress to pass a standalone version of the bipartisan Dream Act.

The popular and successful DACA program has benefited America to continue to keep Social Security solvent. Currently, 800,000 young immigrants are employed and contributing into the Social Security Fund every day. If fallacies against hard working immigrants continue to derail immigration reform, Social Security will stand to lose \$2.4 trillion over the next 75 years.

In addition to Latinos for a Secure Retirement, governors, state attorneys general, mayors, state legislators, city and county elected officials, and leaders from faith communities, law enforcement, and civic life across America today announced their support for the We Are With Dreamers effort. **For a full list and overview of signatories on the new “We Are With Dreamers” statement, and to read a copy of the statement text, visit WithDreamers.com**

Below, please find a copy of the “We Are With Dreamers” statement:

“We, the undersigned governors, statewide constitutional officers, mayors, state legislators, local elected officials, businesses, law enforcement professionals, and faith and civic leaders are united in declaring that we are with Dreamers and DACA recipients. We recognize their enormous role in our communities and families and their contributions to our schools, workplaces, and shared prosperity as a nation.

Since June 2012, nearly 800,000 of these young people who came to the United States as children have come forward, passed background checks, and received permission to live and work in America. With DACA, they have advanced their education, started small businesses, and more fully established themselves as integral members of our society.

Ending DACA means all of these young people would be at risk of deportation and separation from their families and our communities; this would be senselessly cruel.

Ending DACA and removing hundreds of thousands of young men and women from our workforce also would cost the country an estimated \$460.3 billion in lost Gross Domestic Product over a decade and tens of billions more in lost contributions to Medicare and Social Security, and force businesses to incur \$3.4 billion in turnover costs.

In late June, attorneys general from ten states threatened to sue the Trump Administration if it does not end DACA; twice that number wrote to encourage the administration to maintain and defend the initiative. We urge President Trump to sustain his commitment and preserve DACA. We also encourage President Trump and Republicans and Democrats in Congress to enact legislation that replaces fear and uncertainty with permanent protection for Dreamers. The recently introduced stand-alone Dream Act of 2017 would do that and we support it.

As the leaders of communities across the country—individuals and institutions that have seen these young people grow up in our communities—we recognize how they have enriched and strengthened our cities, states, schools, businesses, congregations, and families. We believe it is a moral imperative that the administration and the country know we are with them. We also join together to send our assurances to Dreamers: we see you, we value you, and we are ready to defend you.”

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