



# Secure the Workforce. Pass the Dream Act.

## *End the Sabotage of DACA Renewals; Pass Permanent Protections for Dreamers*

**To Members of Congress and the Administration,**

As an employer and a member of the American Business Immigration Coalition Action, **I am writing to urge you to secure our workforce, grow our economy, and stabilize our communities by expediting long-delayed DACA application renewals; halting deportations of DACA-holders; and passing long-term solutions that guarantee protections for Dreamers, such as the bipartisan Dream Act (Durbin/Murkowski) in the U.S. Senate, and the bipartisan Dignity Act (Salazar/Escobar) and Dream and Promise Act in the U.S. House.**

With each passing day, DACA holders who have submitted their renewal applications far in advance **are being de-documented due to unconscionable delays in processing.**

What used to be a two month wait for renewal of the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program now takes as long as six months or more. Individuals who have never known any other country but the United States are finding themselves out of status and unable to work legally as a result of what appears to be deliberate sabotaging of the process. To make matters worse, DACA holders originating from one of 39 countries facing a new travel ban are finding their applications frozen.

The uncertainty surrounding DACA has become an operational nightmare - these bureaucratic delays are forcing employers to terminate valued, long-term employees who have lived in the U.S. for an average of 26 years. This is cruel, unnecessary, and destructive to our economy, our communities, and to American jobs.

**Data from the National Bureau of Economic Research confirms that mass deportations actively harm American workers:** for every six immigrants removed from the workforce, one American citizen loses their job due to the resulting economic contraction.



DACA recipients maintain a staggering 90% labor participation rate and are the backbone of the daily operations of employers across the nation - many are business owners and job creators themselves. When we lose these people, we don't just lose labor; we lose knowledge and specialized skill sets that cannot be replaced overnight. We lose valued members of our communities. We lose colleagues, friends, relatives, and neighbors.

**If we truly care about protecting affordability and securing our future, we must find common-sense solutions.** President Trump has successfully secured the border; now it is time for Congress to expedite the renewal of DACA applications facing delays; halt deportations of DACA-holders; and pass long-term solutions that guarantee protections for Dreamers such as the bipartisan Durbin/Murkowski Dream Act in the Senate and the bipartisan Salazar/Escobar Dignity Act in the House.

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