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Coalition Statement on Supreme Court Action Regarding DACA "Today's Court Decision Makes An Already Urgent Situation Even More Serious"

WASHINGTON D.C. — The Coalition for the American Dream, which represents many of the nation's top businesses, trade associations and other organizations, issued the following statement today on the Supreme Court's decision to grant certiorari in the case, *United States Department of Homeland Security v. Regents of the University of California*, meaning it will hear arguments on the termination of the DACA program which impacts nearly 700,000 young people living and working in the United States:

"The Supreme Court's decision to take this case makes it even more critical that Congress pass bipartisan legislation to permanently protect Dreamers. The House has already acted in passing the *Dream and Promise Act of 2019* (H.R. 6), and now the Senate must find a bipartisan path forward.

"We have seen time and again that the <u>overwhelming majority</u> of the American public of all political backgrounds agrees that Congress should act to protect Dreamers from deportation. Studies by economists across the ideological spectrum have also made clear that if Congress fails to act, our economy could <u>lose</u> \$350 billion in growth and the federal government could lose \$90 billion in tax revenue. It would have a significant negative impact on America's job creators and our economy as a whole.

"Today's Court decision makes an already urgent situation even more serious. Dreamers and their employers are counting on Congress to work in a bipartisan way to pass permanent legislative protection for Dreamers without further delay."

Background:

• A new nationwide poll released recently by the Global Strategy Group (GSG) reaffirmed that voters nationwide and across party lines are resoundingly in favor of protecting Dreamers. Click here to see the full poll results and a new GSG memo which noted: "Support for this proposal is strong and resilient, with voters continuing to support the proposal by an overwhelming margin even after they are exposed to a series of negative messages against the idea."

- Earlier this year, the Coalition <u>sent a letter</u> to House and Senate leaders in both parties urging action on Dreamers and published it as a <u>full-page ad in the New York Times</u>.
 Among those who signed it were the CEO's for some of the country's biggest companies including Walmart, General Motors, Amazon, IBM, Marriott, Coca-Cola, Apple, Johnson & Johnson, Facebook, Target, Microsoft, Best Buy, Verizon, Google and many others. Additional signatories were the chief executives of some of the country's biggest trade associations that collectively represent thousands of American businesses, including the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, National Retail Federation, National Association of Manufacturers and the American Hotel & Lodging Association.
- Dreamers directly contribute to the success of numerous U.S. companies. At least 72 percent of the top 25 Fortune 500 companies employ Dreamers—including IBM, Walmart, Apple, General Motors, Amazon, JPMorgan Chase, Home Depot, Wells Fargo, among others. Those companies alone generate almost \$3 trillion in annual revenue.
- Further, a study by the conservative-leaning American Action Forum (AAF) found that physically removing all Dreamers would cost between \$7 billion and \$21 billion and reduce U.S. GDP by 0.4 percent.

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