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**Coalition for the American Dream Statement on 10th
Anniversary of DACA**

Nation's Top Business Community Leaders Urges Action to Protect Dreamers

WASHINGTON D.C. – The Coalition for the American Dream, which comprises more than 100 of the nation's top businesses and trade associations representing every major sector of the economy and millions of U.S. workers, today released the following statement on the 10th anniversary of the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program – or DACA – which was signed by then-President Obama on June 15, 2012:

“Poll after poll has shown that overwhelming majorities of Americans in both political parties support Dreamers and so it's simply inexcusable that years later, Congress has still not acted to end the legal limbo they have been in for years. Dreamers are critical members of our workforce, industries, and communities, and they have abided by the laws and regulations of our country where they have lived almost their entire lives. The thousands of Americans businesses represented by the Coalition for the American Dream are proud to employ many of them and we are equally proud to have watched many Dreamers start their own businesses as they contribute greatly to the American economy. The fate of these more than 800,000 Dreamers continues to hang in the balance and it's long past time for Congress to act by passing a permanent, bipartisan legislative solution.”

Background:

Today's anniversary comes the 5th Circuit Court of Appeals is set to consider Texas' lawsuit challenging the legality of the DACA program in a [July 6th hearing](#). This is a reminder that the fate of over 800,000 Dreamers continue to face legal limbo – and ultimately, potential deportation – unless Congress acts to pass a permanent and bipartisan solution.

The Coalition for the American Dream has previously endorsed both H.R. 6 and the [bipartisan Dream Act](#) introduced by U.S. Senators Dick Durbin and Lindsey Graham which would provide Dreamers the opportunity to earn lawful permanent residence and, eventually, American citizenship if they meet certain requirements.

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