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Coalition Statement on Potential Bipartisan Framework to Protect Dreamers, Provide Permanent Legislation Solution to DACA

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, released the following statement regarding reports of a potential bipartisan framework that could provide a permanent legislative solution for Dreamers:

"We're encouraged by the bipartisan effort in the U.S. Senate to provide Dreamers with the ability to become fully contributing members of American society and economy. We understand and appreciate the need for member driven discussions on how to address other immigration and security matters as well. As a coalition, we strongly encourage legislators to pass a permanent legislative solution for Dreamers in this lame duck period."

Background:

- In October, more than 80 of the nation’s top business leaders sent a letter to Congressional leaders in both parties outlining why Congress must act swiftly to pass legislation to help protect Dreamers, U.S. companies, and the economy this year. The letter came in the wake of a recent decision by the 5th Circuit Court of Appeals in the case of the *State of Texas v. United States of America*. The Court deemed the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) policy unlawful, and it is expected that the U.S. Supreme Court is likely to uphold the ruling. [Click here to read the letter.](#)
- 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.
- Given that DACA applications and renewals were granted on a rolling basis, an end to this program would mean that an estimated 22,000 jobs would be lost every month for two years. At a time when the U.S. economy faces significant workforce shortages, it would lose roughly 1,000 jobs per business day, every day for two years if this ruling is upheld and a legislative solution is not passed onto law.

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