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The Oregon Advocacy Commissions (OACs) stand in Solidarity with our DACA recipients

The White House administration is considering ending an Obama-era federal program that provides temporary protection for some of our undocumented students from deportation.

A discontinuation of this important program is unacceptable and is contrary to the principles on which this country was founded.

The Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program allows about 800,000 young people across the United States -- whose undocumented status is no fault of their own -- to get a work permit, a driver's license, and pursue postsecondary education at community colleges and universities.

Oregon values the contributions made by these Dreamers and the multifold contributions made by their parents in agriculture, construction and many other critical industries vital to Oregon's economy. According to the Oregon Center for Public Policy, undocumented workers in Oregon pay as much as \$309,000,000.00 in state taxes each and every year.

The Oregon Commissions on Hispanic Affairs (OCHA), Asian and Pacific Islander Affairs (OCAPIA), the Oregon Commission on Black Affairs (OCBA), and the Commission for Women (OCFW) support our Dreamers and will work to ensure that Oregon continues to be a welcoming and safe state for all children. Oregon has recently affirmed these values by passing SB 558, which ensures that all children, regardless of documentation status, have access to dignified health care services, and HB 3464, which protects the privacy of family data.

If you are a Dreamer here is a resource put together by one of our allies: <https://www.ilrc.org/what-do-i-need-know-if-daca-program-ends-august-28-2017> En Español: [https://www.ilrc.org/sites/default/files/resources/if\\_daca\\_ends\\_spanish.pdf](https://www.ilrc.org/sites/default/files/resources/if_daca_ends_spanish.pdf)

We strongly encourage the White House and all federal lawmakers to support the DACA program and acknowledge the value and contributions our undocumented students bring to Oregon, our local communities and our nation.

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