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“Nowhere in my life, in my narrative, was there ever like, one day, I’m going to sue the president. Nobody ever has that as a dream.”

- Norma Ramírez, DACA recipient


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Today’s Presenters & Agenda

*Rev. Dr. Sharon Stanley-Rea*, Director, Disciples Refugee & Immigration Ministries, *Moderator*

*Valeria Bejar*, Disciples Immigration Response Specialist, *Spiritual Grounding*

*José Arnulfo Cabrera*, Dir. of Edu. & Advocacy for Migration, Ignatian Solidarity Network, *A Crucial Moment*

*Becky Belcore*, Co-Director, NAKASEC, *DACA HomeIsHere March*

*Lisa Parisio*, Esq., Advocacy Attorney for Policy and Outreach, CLINIC, *Possible SCOTUS Scenarios*

*Rev. Noel Andersen*, Grassroots Coord. for Immigrant Rights/CWS & UCC, *#Faith4Dream Resources*

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Getting Grounded, As We Pray & Act to Defend DACA

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This Crucial Moment for DACA
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KEY DACA FACTS

– DACA recipients, on average, arrived in the United States at the age of 7 and have lived here for 20 years. More than a third arrived before age 5. They are our classmates, our coworkers, and our friends. Most know no other country as home.

– DACA recipients are parents to nearly 256,000 U.S. citizen children, and nearly every DACA recipient is part of a mixed-immigration status family. Ending DACA would rip apart hundreds of thousands of families.

– DACA recipients contribute significant federal, state, and local tax revenues that help provide important benefits to millions of Americans:
  • DACA recipients and their households pay $5.7 billion in federal taxes and $3.1 billion in state and local taxes.
  • DACA recipients boost Social Security and Medicare through payroll taxes.
  • DACA recipients own 59,000 homes and are directly responsible for $613.8 million in annual mortgage payments.
  • DACA recipients pay $2.3 billion in rent to their landlords each year.

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Sept. 5, 2017 — Trump administration announces termination of DACA.

The rescission would have left more than 800,000 DACA holders without status and subject to removal beginning Mar. 5, 2018.

Ten+ lawsuits were filed challenging the termination. Under three headline cases — *Regents of the University of California, et al. v. Dept. of Homeland Security (DHS)*, *Batalla Vidal v. Nielsen*, and *NAACP v. Trump* — preliminary injunctions were put in place that allowed people who previously had DACA to apply to renew.
On June 28, the Supreme Court agreed to hear three of the cases challenging the DACA termination: *Regents of the University of California*, *Batalla Vidal*, and *NAACP*.

Oral argument on November 12, 2019.

Questions before the court: whether the rescission of DACA is reviewable by the courts; whether the decision violated federal law; whether the decision was motivated by discriminatory factors.

While the Court reviews the cases, preliminary injunctions will remain in place. Decision is expected no later than June 2020 and could be as early as Jan. 2020.
Supreme Court Legal Scenarios

Bottom line: It is impossible to know what the court will do.

National Immigration Law Center analysis:
https://www.nilc.org/issues/daca/daca-heads-to-scotus-scenarios/

1. Courts cannot review
2. Courts can review and termination is lawful
3. Courts can review and termination is unlawful

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Next Steps for DACA Recipients

Again, outcomes are unknown.

But, there are resources to help you make a plan/ be prepared for any outcome.

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DACA Renewals

DACA Beneficiaries

Renew Your DACA

https://homeishere.us/daca-renewal-resource-directory/
https://unitedwedream.org/2018/05/how-to-easily-renew-your-daca/

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DACA Renewals

Faith communities and families can also contribute to a DACA recipient in need of the $495 renewal fee by visiting [www.GoFundMe.com/DACA](http://www.GoFundMe.com/DACA).

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March for DACA & TPS

*18 Days
*230 Miles
*NYC to DC
*1 Million People

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Daily updates and videos:
https://www.homeisheremarch.org/news-updates

Today's video featuring March Co-Leader, Esther Jeon:
https://www.facebook.com/watch/?v=2263196133971282

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Images from the first weekend of the March!

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5 Actions to Protect DACA, TPS & DED #Faith4DACA and Join the #HomeIsHere Campaign

1. Dedicate prayer, testimony or a message at your faith community through November

2. Organize a vigil, press conference or rally to support DACA Recipients and Undocumented Youth

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3. Write an Opinion Editorial or Letter to the Editor for your local newspaper

4. Engage on Social Media #Faith4DACA #HomeIsHere

5. Call Your Elected Officials and tell them to make a public statement supporting DACA, TPS, and DED, and to support S. 879

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How Can Faith Partners Pray & Act to Defend DACA?

See the #Faith4Dream Toolkit for many resources about how to raise your faith voice to influence permanent solutions for DACA recipients:

https://docs.google.com/document/d/11npNcXokygbv5Wg3HJ6WIYRDk_OBX-KfuHKBG4d8r-E/edit?usp=sharing

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