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IMMIGRANT RIGHTS COMMISSION STATEMENT ON U.S. DISTRICT JUDGE DACA RULING

Late Tuesday, January 9, 2018, U.S. District Judge William Alsup of the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of California, issued an order halting the federal government's rescission of the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) Program. The order calls for safeguards against deportation for the nearly 700,000 young immigrants who participated in the DACA program as of September 5, 2017.

Since DACA was rescinded last September, thousands of DACA recipients have already lost their protection from deportation and their ability to work legally.

Judge Alsup's decision grants a preliminary injunction while the legal challenge to the DACA termination continues. The temporary order requires USCIS to begin accepting DACA renewal applications again for any immigrant who had DACA status as of September 5. It does not allow for new applications or for DACA recipients to travel outside of the country on advance parole.

The San Francisco Immigrant Rights Commission applauds the judge's ruling to resume the DACA program while the legal challenges continue, as a step toward righting a wrong. However, as DACA recipients face uncertainty around their future in the United States, the Commission calls for a permanent fix that will grant citizenship to these hardworking people who are, in all but name, American.

The Commission urges this nation's lawmakers and leaders to pass a clean DREAM Act to protect DACA recipients without sacrificing their parents or their families, and to pass Comprehensive Immigration Reform to keep families together, ensure a fair and humane immigration system, and embrace all America's people.

Now is the time to act.

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