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Community College League of California Statement on Trump Administration's Decision to Rescind DACA

SACRAMENTO, CA – The Community College League of California (League) issued the following statement in response to the Trump administration's announcement to end DACA:

"The callous decision by the Trump Administration to end the Deferred Action on Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program is antithetical to American values and abandons the promise made to over 800,000 individuals pursuing the American Dream. This shortsighted political calculation inhibits the aspirations of 222,795 Californians. The Community College League of California reiterates its unyielding commitment to fostering and supporting a safe and welcoming environment for all students, regardless of immigration status. At the core of our values is the ideal that educational opportunity should be afforded to all, regardless of race, ethnicity, language, culture, national origin, socio- economic class, age, physical ability, sexual orientation, gender identity, and religious beliefs, national status, or economic status. This commitment is manifested in California state laws and regulations promulgated by the State Legislature and Board of Governors.

California Community Colleges were founded with the goal of fostering excellence and guaranteeing educational access and opportunity for all. The vitality and success of our state and nation depends on having a well-educated and civically-engaged citizenry.

The League urges Congress to build upon the success of DACA by preserving the program and working to implement a long-term solution that will continue to permit Californians to achieve their educational dreams.

The California Community Colleges take great pride in being the pathway to opportunity for Californians of all backgrounds. We remain steadfast in our commitment to these objectives and will fight with Dreamers to protect quality public community colleges for all Californians."

Resource for college leaders and students, Know Your Rights: <https://www.nilc.org/get-involved/community-education-resources/know-your-rights>

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