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Action from Congress is imperative following order to “wind down” the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program

DENVER -- Yesterday Attorney General Jeff Sessions announced that the President will eliminate the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program with a 6 month “wind down” period, leaving the future of DACA recipients in the balance.

The Colorado Latino Leadership Advocacy & Research Organization (CLLARO) now calls on members of Congress to work together to find a meaningful, lasting legislative solution to protect these youth so that they can pursue their goals and contribute to our communities and economy. There are 800,000 DACA recipients that will be affected nation-wide and 17,000 here in Colorado. CLLARO calls on members of Congress to stand up at this critical time in our country’s history to protect DACA recipients’ future in the country they have made their home.

CLLARO’s leadership development program, the CLLARO Capitol Fellowship, focuses on developing emerging, diverse student leaders and we have had exceptional DACA recipients who have not only excelled during their time in our program, but have continued to grow in their professional careers and in their communities as leaders and as advocates. These young people deserve to have leaders in Washington who will recognize how much they give back to their communities, their value and how they enrich our state and our country as a whole, the tremendous potential of DACA recipients and what we stand to lose by inaction on the part of Congress on this issue. More than 400 U.S. companies including AT&T, Wells Fargo, Verizon, Microsoft, Google and General Motors, among many others, penned a letter to President Trump highlighting the importance of DACA recipients to their companies and the U.S. economy.

CLLARO issued a [full statement in February about our stance on immigration policy](#) reaffirming that immigrants have long contributed to our society and our economic prosperity as a country. CLLARO is committed to the belief that immigrants deserve a chance to come out of the shadows and should not have to live in fear for the future of their families.

To make your voice heard, **call Senator Gardner and Congressman Mike Coffman or [Reach out to Congress](#)** and urge them to work with their colleagues on both sides of the aisle to pass the bipartisan [Dream Act of 2017](#) to offer real and lasting solutions for 800,000 Dreamers and 17,000 Coloradans.

- Senator Cory Gardner: **(202) 224-5941**
- Congressman Mike Coffman: **(202) 225-7882**

The following resources are currently available for more information on DACA:

- **Informed Immigrant** has a has FAQs and other [resources](#) on their website
- **Immigrant Legal Resource Center** released a [Community Advisory on the end of DACA](#).

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