



Latino Resource & Welcome Center

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CASA SAN JOSE CALLS ON THE BIDEN ADMINISTRATION TO DELIVER PERMANENT PROTECTION TO IMMIGRANT YOUTH

Pittsburgh, PA - The Biden Administration finalized a new regulation on August 24th, 2022, with the purpose of fortifying the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) policy, which has protected over 600,000 people who arrived in the US as children from deportation since its inception in 2012. This new rule will come into effect October 31st, 2022, if it does not face a successful legal challenge, and will replace the 2012 DHS DACA Memo, further legitimizing DACAs standing in courts.

Following the announcement, litigation from Texas to keep DACA closed to new applicants has reached the 5th Circuit Court of Appeals, posing a very real threat to the future of our youth and reminding us of the need for Congress to provide a stable path to citizenship for immigrants and their families. A DACA beneficiary in our community expressed that the real victims are children who would have to grow up without their parents. “We had in mind that we were going to work hard to become somebody in life, and if they’re taking that away from us, that hits me really hard because DACA saved me” – she told Casa San Jose. If it were to be overturned, hundreds of thousands of people would not only lose their protection against deportation, but it would also rob them of their chance to pursue higher education, get a job, drive, and raise their children.

The great majority of DACA recipients are Latino, representing over 80% of all beneficiaries. Families across the nation go to bed every night with the uncertainty of whether or not they will still be welcome in the country they call home, which is why Casa San Jose calls on President Biden and his administration to act to defend immigrant rights, create a humane immigration system, and provide a pathway to citizenship for DACA recipients. Latinos and immigrants of any origin deserve equitable access to the resources they need to be contributing members of society, and it’s our government’s duty to ensure that this opportunity is available to them.

About Casa San Jose

Casa San Jose is a community resource center that connects, supports and advocates with and for the Latino community. It serves as a base of support for English language learners, helping them access services catered to children, youth, and families to better acclimate them to their new home in the Pittsburgh area and know the experience of welcome here.

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