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CARECEN SF Rejects the Trump Administration's Announcement on DACA

Tuesday, July 28, 2020 – CARECEN SF rejects the Trump Administration's announcement regarding the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) which essentially undermines the program's benefits; limiting work permits for recipients of the program to one year instead of two. They will also deny any new applications from people who currently qualify for the program, as well as severely restrict advanced parole requests.

The recent U.S. Supreme Court ruling (June 18, 2020) makes it clear, the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) <u>MUST</u> continue the program, renew work authorization documents, and allow for new applications into the program to proceed.

Laura Sanchez, CARECEN SF's Director of Immigration Legal Program said the following, "This is an inhumane and unjust response from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security. We have no doubt that it will be challenged in court. This fight is not over." Ms. Sanchez also mentioned that "DACA recipients should continue to renew their applications. Anyone that was going to submit an initial application should consult with an attorney or a trusted community agency to determine their next steps."

Lariza Dugan-Cuadra, CARECEN SF's Executive Director said "Once again the current administration demonstrates their willingness to further impose harm and suffering on integral members of our communities. The moral fabric of this nation is wearing thin, and the people of the United States must do everything in our power to resist the current administration's infatuation with setting the country back. Congress must take action and legislate a pathway to permanency for DACA recipients now!"

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