

AICCU's Statement On the Trump Administration's Bureaucratic Policy Changes to DACA

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The Association of Independent California Colleges and Universities (AICCU) vehemently disagrees with the Trump Administration's decision to reduce the scope of the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (or DACA) program. These changes, outlined in a recent memo, will end the approval of initial DACA applications, end advance parole for recipients, and shorten the deferred action and work authorization from two years to one. This comes soon after the Supreme Court voted 5-4 to affirm the constitutionality of DACA.

AICCU and our member institutions urge Congress to find a permanent solution that our DACA students deserve. We will continue working closely with our partners in the state and Washington D.C. to advocate for equitable access to higher education for all students. DACA students have made immeasurable contributions to the academic and civic excellence of our member institutions. Congress must urge the administration to rescind this detrimental policy immediately and Congress must act promptly to provide permanent relief, including a pathway to citizenship for DACA recipients and Dreamers

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