

Eliminating DACA hurts the American economy and weakens our access to untapped talent

LOS ANGELES, CA, USA, September 4, 2017 /EINPresswire.com/ -- The Association of Latino Professionals For America ([ALPFA](#)) has chosen Labor Day to highlight the inconsistent message the Administration is sending to business about the value of work and how it is prioritized in this Administration.

Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals ([DACA](#)) currently insulates 800,000 participants, 91% of whom are employed and contribute \$430 Billion dollars a year to the U.S. economy, with the balance in advanced education programs and the military defending our country.



President Donald Trump has hinted at targeting the DACA program for removal, perhaps as early as this Tuesday. The National Board of Directors of ALPFA have joined the voices of bipartisan congressional members, advocates and dozens of American business leaders who have publicly called for President Trump to abandon this strategy. See: (<https://www.businessleadersdacaletter.com/>)

Yvonne Garcia, National Chair of the Board of Directors at ALPFA, expressed her concerns about the impact on Latino families who are adding value to the communities they live, study and work in:

“The idea that these young people are here to exploit the government without contributing to our economy is counter to the reality of the exhaustive background checks they have submitted to and their voluntary exposure. These are people who have chosen to come out of the shadows to help companies of all sizes generate a growing tax base in every community we live and work in.”

ALPFA who represents the fastest growing demographics in the country is expressing concern about the future of the Latino’s access to the “American Dream” with the view that next generation of American worker will include a majority of Hispanic descent. Ms. Garcia went on to express the Board's desire to protect the most vulnerable among us and ensure the nation views them with an eye towards the possible:

“The Board views any action to remove this part of our community’s access to what generations before us from every corner of the world have participated in as a missed opportunity. Our members and community represent the brightest future for American competitiveness and abandoning them misses the ability to tap into a talent base that will continue to keep America competitive.”

Charles Garcia, ALPFA CEO, shared in a message with his membership and American Business

leaders today:

“These young people are serving our country in the military, the ranks of local law enforcement, and in classrooms teaching the next generation of leaders. Stacking the deck against these individuals who were brought here through no fault of their own, and who are contributing to making America great, misses the mark.”

A widely-published Columbia Law School graduate, Charles Garcia also pointed to claims regarding “rule of law” arguments that only the U.S. Congress can make laws. Garcia asserts that in a 1999 immigration case authored by Justice Antonin Scalia, one of the most conservative, and originalist voices on the U.S. Supreme Court, Scalia wrote that presidents have a long history of “engaging in a regular practice... of exercising [deferred action] for humanitarian reasons or simply for its own convenience.” And pointed to additional Presidential actions including those by President Reagan and President George H.W. Bush who used their discretion to ensure immigrant populations could contribute to the American ideal.

Through this statement ALPFA’s Board, staff and membership call on the President to evaluate the real impacts our community has to U.S. productivity, it’s ongoing contribution to our expanding tax base, and the emerging working age wave of talent a negative action would send to foreign competitors. “Our inclusion makes the fabric that binds America stronger and keeps our rich tradition of embracing the knowledge and talent the world offers and making it our own.”

About ALPFA

ALPFA (Association of Latino Professionals For America) is the largest professional and student membership based organization in the nation and is the longest standing Latino organization with 81,000+ members assembled in 45 professional and more than 160 student chapters across America. Our vision is to be the premier business organization for expanding opportunities for Latino leadership in the global market.

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