



“A thought of hatred must be destroyed by a more powerful thought of love... Do not despair! Work steadily. Sincerity and love will conquer hate.” Abdu’l-Bahá

On September 5, 2017, the Trump administration announced a plan to end Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA), a decision that leaves 800,000 immigrant youth who have grown up in the United States at risk of deportation, including members of the CLSACC family.

CLSACC stands with DREAMers and with our allies who are fighting for the rights of immigrant youth and their families. DREAMers are our friends, our classmates, our colleagues and neighbors. We are working with our partners to ensure young people have the legal assistance and counseling support they need to navigate the challenges ahead.

As I recently joined partner organizations, local leaders and community members for a rally to support DACA, I was reminded of our community’s resilience and the power of unity in diversity. If this decision means to divide us and scare us, we will respond with solidarity, commitment, and care.

This is a heartbreaking time for all of us. The DACA program has helped young immigrants access education, pursue careers, and work to support their families. It has brought economic opportunity and a sense of security to DREAMers, including the more than 7,900 who live in Massachusetts. Without DACA, their fate and ability to remain in our country is uncertain.

We invite you to support immigrant youth and their families. Together, we will fight for every person’s right to live, learn, and work freely, without threat of deportation or separation.