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Listo Nuevo México Launches ‘Social Media Storm’ in Support of National Day of Action Calling for #CleanDreamAct

Albuquerque, N.M. - Today local immigrants’ rights organizations are [supporting young immigrants and their families from around the nation who are making a call for a clean #DreamActNow](#), before the end of the year, in Washington D.C.. Listo Nuevo México’s ‘social media storm’ comes as a way of supporting [the National Day of Action where thousands of young immigrants](#), activists and allies will be staging massive walkouts demanding members of Congress pass a Clean Dream Act.

[Since Sept. 5, the lives, futures and wellbeing of over 800,000 young immigrants nationwide were put at risk](#) after the Trump administration decided to rescind their protection from deportation offered by the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program.

Over the last two months, immigrant leaders and activists have been staging demonstration at Capitol Hill and in their respective localities calling for a permanent legislative solution –a Clean Dream Act– that will not provide funding for border militarization, the expansion of deportation programs, or more funding for private immigrant detention centers in exchange for safety of only a few.

Congress has until March 5, 2018 to come up with a legislative fix otherwise [the U.S. stands to lose \\$433.4 billion in GDP over the next ten years after the program’s rescission.](#)

[There are about 7,000 DACA recipients in New Mexico and the state could lose \\$411.7 million in GDP over the next decade if no DACA fix is reached](#), according to the latest records by the Center for American Progress and the University of Southern California.

Marian J. Mendez-Cera, DACA beneficiary and community organizer at El CENTRO de Igualdad y Derechos, said,

“Today marks two months since the White House decided to end DACA and one year since Trump was elected. Today, DACA beneficiaries and allies are gathering across the nation to demand that Congress pass a Clean DREAM act. Trump has left us DACA recipients at risk of

deportation. He has attempted to strip the rights of over 800,000 DACA beneficiaries and has put us at risk of being separated from our families. He has tried to use us as bargaining chips to strengthen his deportation machine to target our parents, families and communities. Today, we fight for the rights of our families and demand that Congress pass a Clean DREAM act. We are proud that New Mexico rejected Trump at the ballot box and rejects his xenophobic, racist agenda. We are proud of New Mexico's legacy of supporting the full integration of our families, and we will continue this legacy by fighting for the protection of our immigrant families."

Luis Leyva, New Mexico Immigrant Law Center Communications Fellow and DACA beneficiary, said,

"It is disheartening that we are two months into the rescission of DACA and Republican lawmakers still refuse to consider a clean DREAM Act. Republicans and the Trump administration are using 800,000 young immigrants as pawns to fulfill their anti-immigration agenda. We will not accept any anti-immigrant contingencies attached to a DREAM Act. Today, we join activists and allies to demand that Congress find a permanent solution for immigrant youth that does not put their families, or the rest of the immigrant community, at risk. A clean DREAM Act needs to be passed or be attached to the omnibus spending bill by the end of the year. Immigrant youth should not have to head into holiday season with the mental burden of having their futures in this country at risk."

Gabriela Hernandez, Southwest Organizer with United We Dream & Executive Director for the NM Dream Team, said:

"As the largest immigrant youth-led organization in New Mexico we have had enough! We've seen this administration cowardly attack our community through deportations, terrorizing tactics, and scapegoating. The Trump administration has rescinded DACA, ended TPS for some and now is mounting a terror deportation machine and political environment that dehumanizes our immigrant community that makes this country so great. We have yet to see action from congress. We are not standing for this, our youth are fiercely fighting hard in DC to remind congress they must pass a clean Dream Act now!

"As an young queer undocumented woman of color I have lived in fear for my life and my family's since I was a little girl simply because we made the great sacrifice to move to this country to have a better life. Today we say no more. Congress has had 16 years to pass a legislative solution, it is time they act now. We demand congress that they pass a clean Dream Act by this December. Today we are going to remind congress that we matter, that we are strong, and that we are Here To Stay!"

Andrea Plaza, Executive Director for Encuentro, said,

“Congress must pass a clean Dream Act by December of this year because every day that they delay, more immigrant youth become vulnerable to Trump’s deportation agents. In NM alone there are 7,000 DACA recipients and our state could lose \$411.7 million in GDP over the next decade if no DACA fix is reached. Encuentro demands giving immigrant families the opportunity to thrive without border walls, militarized border communities and NO funding of deportation agents and detention centers that hunt down our families.”

Kristin Greer Love, ACLU of New Mexico Staff Attorney, said,

“By cancelling DACA, Trump has put 800,000 young people at risk of losing their jobs and being deported from the only country they know as home. These young people have scholarships, careers, and families in this country and are American in everything but their papers. Deporting them is beyond heartbreaking—it’s cruel. We call on congress to pass a clean, bipartisan Dream Act to secure their future in this country.”

Today’s social media storm’ can be followed by tracking the following Hashtags, Twitter handles and Facebook accounts:

Hashtags	Twitter Handles	Facebook Accts.
#CleanDreamAct	@Listo NM , @ELCENTRO NM	@ListoNM.org , @encuentroNM
#DreamActNow	@NM Dream Team , @NMILC	@NewMexicoDreamTeam
#NoBootsNoBedsNoWalls	@encuentronm	@ElCentrodelgualdadyDerechos
#HereToStay		@NMImmigrantLawCenter

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