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## Federal Court Decision Halting End of DACA is Temporary Victory, Recipients Must Stay Vigilant, Says Immigrant Legal Resource Center

## ILRC Recommends that DACA Recipients Wait for Official DHS Guidance Before Submitting Renewal Applications

Today, the Immigrant Legal Resource Center released a one-page <u>DACA Rescission Case</u> <u>Summary</u> on the recent <u>preliminary injunction</u> granted by Judge Alsup of the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of California in the case of *Regents of the University of California*, et al. v. Department of Homeland Security, et al. This decision effectively halts the Trump administration's termination of the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals, or DACA, program as case proceedings continue.

The new resource from ILRC summarizes the court's decision, what it requires DHS to do, and what it means moving forward. The decision may provide the basis for DACA recipients to apply for renewal even if they were unable or ineligible to do so before the October 5<sup>th</sup> deadline last fall. The court directs the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) to post guidance on reopening the renewal process, but does not require DHS to accept first time DACA applications.

## Read the ILRC summary and guidance here: <a href="http://bit.ly/2D2GGxH">http://bit.ly/2D2GGxH</a>

Said Allison Davenport, Staff Attorney at the Immigrant Legal Resource Center:

"We applaud Judge Alsup's ruling for upholding what we've always known to be true: that the successful DACA program rests on solid legal authority. This decision, however, cannot distract from the fact that DACA has always been a temporary measure, and we cannot continue to allow millions of young people to live in a constant state of fear and uncertainty. Congress has an opportunity to bring about a sense of permanence and security for millions of young people and for the nation as a whole by passing a clean DREAM Act and we ask that they do so as soon as possible."

For the time being, the ILRC recommends that eligible DACA recipients wait until the Department of Homeland Security has released official guidance explaining the renewal process before submitting a renewal application. The decision may be appealed and so it is important to follow the news on any developments in the case. The ILRC will provide updated resources for DACA recipients on how to apply for renewals as soon as the information becomes available. DACA beneficiaries and legal practitioners serving them can also review our <a href="End of DACA Community Advisory">End of DACA Community Advisory</a> for responses to frequently asked questions.

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