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As DACA Celebrates a Decade of Success, Texas Business Leadership Council Calls for Congressional Action

AUSTIN – The Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) policy, first created on June 15, 2012, has been an overwhelming success for the Dreamers the program protects and the Texas businesses and communities that rely on them. In recognition of today’s 10th anniversary of DACA, Texas Business Leadership Council President Justin Yancy issued the following statement:

“More than [100,000 DACA recipients](#) call Texas home and hundreds of thousands of other Dreamers who came to the U.S. at a young age are earning an education, supporting local businesses, and reaching for their version of the American Dream because of DACA. As we celebrate the tenth anniversary of the policy, it’s important that we recognize these successes and the contributions of Texas DACA recipients, [the majority of whom are in the labor force and have a high school diploma](#).

“We must also recognize the fragility of the program and what is at stake for these individuals without a permanent legislative solution that allows them to earn a pathway to citizenship. As the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals is set to hold a hearing on July 6th and likely issue a negative ruling on the policy this fall, the need for congressional action is needed more than ever. Failure to act not only jeopardizes the livelihoods of Dreamers and their families, but we are putting our entire state’s economy at risk. Ten years is too long for a temporary solution; Congress must act.”

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