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The Murray State Student Government Association is disheartened and dismayed by the action of President Trump to rescind the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program (DACA), which currently supports 800,000 people across our country. Since the establishment of DACA in 2012, the program has granted temporary work permits and protection from deportation to undocumented youth brought to the United States at the age of 16 or younger.

We stand with our “DACAmented” peers at Murray State University and reiterate the value in remaining a student-centered university dedicated to supporting a diverse community of students, regardless of their background. Every undocumented immigrant deserves respect and equal access to higher education.

The Attorney General’s statement on September 5, 2017 indicated that the Trump administration would begin to phase out the program over the next six months. We stand beside our University President with hopes that the United States Congress, through a bipartisan effort, will take meaningful steps as expeditiously as possible to provide a long-term solution for DACA recipients to earn a university degree and continue along their pathways to be contributing members of society. More over, we encourage all Americans to do their part and reach out to their federal legislators.

To the undocumented students at Murray State University, know that your student government association is working for you now and this support will not cease. You are invaluable members of our academic and campus communities.

For additional support, the Murray State Division of Student Affairs is offering assistance and access to a variety of resources, including confidential counseling. As always, the Murray State SGA is available to all of its constituents, regardless of opinion on the issues. For more dialogue, contact the SGA President at msu.sgapresident@murraystate.edu or visit the Center for Student Involvement located on the first floor of the Curris Center.

Dreamers, you are not alone in this fight.

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