Colorado State University’s School of Social Work Statement on the Recent DACA Ruling

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Dear School of Social Work Community,

As many of you know, the Fifth Circuit Court recently ruled that the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program that has been in place for over a decade is unlawful. Thousands of Dreamers—young people who have lived in the U.S. for much of their lives yet remain undocumented—have lost or may soon lose their access to work permits and protection from deportation.

Colorado State University takes a strong position of support for Dreamers. In fact, CSU has stated support for “policies that create a welcoming environment for immigrant, undocumented and international students on our campuses” and more specifically, has asked Congress to “act in a bipartisan manner to provide a roadmap to citizenship for Dreamers.” CSU has resources for undocumented students that can be found here. The National Association of Social Workers also takes a firm position of support for Dreamers as well as their families.

The CSU School of Social Work echoes this support for Dreamers and a pathway to full, permanent inclusion in the U.S.

Please join us in making voices of support and solidarity heard by Congress. We will not give up on advocating for a pathway to citizenship for Dreamers until it is secured. In fact, such a policy is supported by 3 in 4 Americans and Congressional decisions should reflect the will of the people.

The School of Social Work encourages you to join us in reaching out to your members of Congress to voice support for Dreamers and bipartisan legislation that provides a roadmap to citizenship for them. You can find the contact information of your senators and representatives here.

For those among us who are directly impacted by the uncertainty of this DACA ruling, the structural hurdles you confront are a grave injustice. In the wake of this court ruling, we encourage you to connect with United We Dream’s UndocuHealth portal which has mental health resources specifically designed by and for Dreamers. More locally, the Denver Children’s Advocacy Center and Colorado Immigrant Rights Coalition have organized collective spaces to process and sort through the impacts of the court ruling in community with others. Additionally, Fuerza Latina in Fort Collins is a helpful resource that offers an immigrant assistance hotline: 970-472-1501. And finally, CSU’s El Centro is a shared space for Latinx-identifying students and a resource for processing and navigating hurt and instability resulting from this court ruling.

In gratitude and solidarity,

Members of the Committee for Social Justice
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