Resolution: USUSA Supports the Education of All—including students previously shielded by DACA.

Description: This resolution calls attention to recent statements made to rescind the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program.

1 WHEREAS tension in the community and nationwide exists regarding the future of immigration policy concerning students who grew up in the United States;

2 WHEREAS national leaders have announced plans to terminate immigration security for students who grew up in the United States, namely the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program;

3 WHEREAS students who would be affected by potential policy changes, who also attend Utah State University, may feel unsupported by a majority of students who aren’t directly affected by said changes;

4 WHEREAS USUSA seeks to include and advocate for all students at Utah State University and help ensure their educational goals are not affected unduly;

5 WHEREAS to keep with the theme and goals of USUSA, that every student belongs, USUSA feels it necessary to support students whenever possible;

BE IT THEREFORE ENACTED THAT USUSA publicly support students affected by DACA changes, in concert with President Noelle Cockett and other Utah universities;

6 WHEREAS certain Utah State University students may be affected by immigration policy changes--without understanding the purpose behind the potential change or future policy effects;

7 WHEREAS USUSA believes it is the right of students to seek understanding of potential impacts of any policy changes, especially students directly affected by immigration policy;

BE IT FURTHER ENACTED THAT USUSA, namely the Student Advocate Vice President and Executive Vice President, organize events or workshops to inform affected students and the broader community about policy changes;

BE IT FURTHER ENACTED THAT USUSA work with local, state, and national government to best inform and educate students about potential immigration policy change;

BE IT FURTHER ENACTED THAT USUSA distribute this resolution to national lawmakers, namely Utah Senators and Representatives, and show support for Utah State University students and the community.
Tags: DACA, Everyone Belongs.

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Policy Paper

Committee: Executive Council
Absent: None

History:
Recent statements from the White House and national government indicate that students who would benefit from the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program might be in jeopardy of future immigration security. There are students at Utah State University who might rely on or need immigration security and USUSA wants them to know they are not alone or ignored.

Purpose:
This resolution shows support for students at Utah State University who might be affected by the termination of the national DACA program and communicates that student leaders stand with affected students. This resolution will be distributed to national lawmakers, urging them to stand with affected students and families, to move forward with responsible and respectful immigration reform. USUSA will also work to provide assistance and information to affected students and the community.

Pros:
Students affected by DACA termination feel supported by the USUSA.
Students will understand that future informative events are forthcoming.
USUSA will stand with the USU President and other Utah universities in supporting impacted students and communities.
There is no expense in supporting students.

Cons:
Affected students may not want recognition by USUSA.