University of Houston - Downtown



STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

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DACA Resolution Statement Release

WHEREAS; this bill serves as a resolution to release a statement in solidarity with undocumented students who have, and will continue, to be affected to by the termination of Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program,

WHEREAS; that the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program allowed undocumented students to apply for work permits and provided undocumented students with the opportunity to receive a quality education,

WHEREAS; legislative branch asks the Student Government Association President, Vice-President, and Speaker of the Senate to ensure the deliverance of the following statement on behalf of the 38th Student Government Association-Legislative Branch at the University of Houston-Downtown to all students,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT: the following statement be released,

"Hello Students, on behalf of the University of Houston-Downtown's Student Government Association we want to express our concern with the termination of the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program on September 5th by Attorney General Jeff Sessions. As your representatives, we understand the importance and value of representation, security, and understanding. This being said, the Student Government Association will continue to serve every student no matter their race, ethnicity, sexual orientation, and legal status. No student should ever have to worry about their security as they are working towards their degree and a better future. Additionally, we would like to express our solidarity with our "DACAmented" that we stand behind them through these difficult times. As your representatives, we want to ensure that every law is followed to ensure your privacy including the Family Educational Rights Privacy Act (FERPA), which is meant to protect your student documents from being released by school officials to any ICE agent unless it is court-ordered. This includes immigration status. The

University of Houston-Downtown Student Government Association One Main St. Houston, TX 77002-1001 Location: Room N-210 Office: (713) 221-8570 Fax: (713) 223-7478 Student Government wants to ensure that you feel at home when on campus. This includes supporting our students' dreams instead of shattering them with uncertainty. This being said, we will continue to stand with our undocumented, "DACAmented", and allies here on campus.

Your representatives,

The 38th Student Government Association at the University of Houston-Downtown."

BE VOTED UPON: by the 38th Student Government Association-Legislative Branch at the University of Houston-Downtown.

WE, THE UNDERSIGNED: support the above resolution and call upon all members of the Legislative Body to support this statement

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