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APALA Condemns Rescission of DAPA

Washington, DC - On June 15, a day after the 5-year anniversary of the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals, also known as DACA, the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) announced its decision to rescind the memorandum that created the Deferred Action for Parents of Americans and Lawful Permanent Resident (DAPA) program. This same memo noted that the original DACA program will remain in effect. The Asian Pacific American Labor Alliance, AFL-CIO (APALA) condemns the administration's decision to rescind DAPA, which continues to advance an anti-immigrant agenda that tears thousands of working families apart.

"Since coming into office, the administration has done everything in their power to criminalize, detain and deport Black and Brown communities. The decision to officially revoke DAPA is one of many actions this administration has already taken to reinforce his mass deportation agenda," reacted Alvina Yeh, APALA Executive Director. "While the administration's anti-immigrant policies are deeply troubling, we also cannot forget the Republicans who did everything in their power to block DAPA/DACA+. They are just as complicit in the systemic violence our communities experience, and with many seats up for reelection in the midterm elections, we have to use all tactics possible to ensure the safety of our communities."

Yves Gomes, APALA National Executive Board Member and UFCW Local 400 member added, "Although the administration claims that the DACA program will remain in effect, we cannot trust anything this administration says. Examples of DACA-mented individuals being detained and deported serve as a reminder that no immigrant is safe under this present administration."

"I am disgusted by this news. It breaks my heart that the 3.5 million undocumented parents who could have benefited from this program now have no hope and must continue to live in heightened fear in this country. APALA is committed to fighting for our communities on the streets, in the courtrooms, and at the ballot box, to ensure our communities' right to stay in this country," concluded Johanna Puno Hester, APALA National President and Assistant Executive Director of the United Domestic Workers, AFSCME Local 3930.

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