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APALA: Pass a Clean DREAM Act

Washington, DC - Last night, Senator Chuck Schumer (D-NY) and Leader Nancy Pelosi (D-CA) announced that they had reached an agreement with Donald Trump regarding the future of 800,000 DACA-mented youth, including over 30,000 Asian Americans. Though no announcements have included details about the language of this agreement, the Asian Pacific American Labor Alliance (APALA), AFL-CIO remains committed to demanding for a clean DREAM Act.

Monica Thammarath, APALA National President, stated: "When Donald Trump rescinded the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program, he put the lives of young immigrants and their families in danger and at risk for detention or deportation by advancing a dangerous white supremacist agenda. Instead of using undocumented immigrant youth as bargaining chips for the sake of bipartisanship, elected officials should be focused on finding a lasting, legislative solution that protects the over 1.1 million DACA-eligible immigrant youth without placing other immigrant communities at risk - including those living in border communities.

APALA fully supports the swift passage of a clean DREAM Act, a path forward and a compromise moving towards comprehensive immigration reform. We call on Congress to reject all bills that include additional funding for increased border enforcement, expanded detention beds and deportations including those with a criminal conviction record and the building of a border wall, changes to the family immigration system, and changes to immigrants' access to public benefits.

As negotiations in Congress evolve, APALA is committed to using all vehicles possible until we see the passage of a clean DREAM Act."

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