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A RESOLUTION CONDEMNING THE RESCINDING OF DEFERRED ACTION FOR CHILDHOOD
ARRIVALS

WHEREAS, the Preamble to the Student Senate Rules and Regulations states “[t]he KU Student Senate shall work to further the cultural, social, and political growth of KU students,” “build a vital and thriving University community,” and “ensure that the learning opportunities at KU are open to all students without exception,” and

WHEREAS, the Preamble also states that “[t]he Student Senate shall work to represent students on university, local, state, national, and international levels to further these goals,” and

WHEREAS, immigrant communities in the United States have continuously faced marginalization and oppression throughout the nation’s history, and

WHEREAS, Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) was established in 2012 under the administration of former President Barack Obama to provide protection from deportation and renewable work visas to undocumented individuals who were brought to the United States as children, and

WHEREAS, under these parameters, more than 800,000 “Dreamers” participated in this program and have been able to stay in this country under DACA, and thousands more apply each month, and

WHEREAS, DACA recipients, who are outstanding students, leaders, and community members, are indispensable to both the University of Kansas and the City of Lawrence, and

WHEREAS, Portions of the DACA community are hard of hearing, deaf, and deafblind, and continued support of the DACA consumers is highly important as the United States is currently the one country with the most qualified interpreters, which is important for functionality in life, and

WHEREAS, it is directly contrary to the mission of our institution of higher education, which professes to “foster a multicultural environment in which the dignity and rights of the individual are respected,” to bar students from entry simply due to their national origin, and

WHEREAS, the elimination of the DACA program is a decision that directly jeopardizes the future of University of Kansas students and thousands of other young people and families across the country, and

WHEREAS, the White House has refused to guarantee that the information provided to them through DACA applications will not be used to deport Dreamers, individuals who trusted the government to support them and advocate on their behalf, and

WHEREAS, respect for human dignity must never be contingent on immigration status. Thus, DACAmented and undocumented peoples deserve respect and regard from the US Government. Political agendas should never be grounds for disregard of our University’s and community’s deeply held values.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the University of Kansas Student Senate here assembled condemns this appalling action taken by the Trump administration. We stand with the undocumented and DACAmented students on our campus and across the country. These students should be honored and protected as vital members of our University community. We are prepared to advocate on behalf of these communities at the national level.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the University of Kansas Student Senate urges our Kansas delegation to the United States Congress to immediately pass legislation preserving the protections of DACA.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that upon passage, copies of this resolution be sent to the following entities:

The White House
Representative Lynn Jenkins
Representative Kevin Yoder
Representative Roger Marshall, M.D.
Representative Ron Estes
Senator Jerry Moran
Senator Pat Roberts
Kansas Attorney General Derek Schmidt

United States Attorney General Jeff Sessions
Jack Cline, Director of Federal Relations for the University of Kansas
KU Dreamers
KU Latin American Student Union
Lawrence Journal World
University Daily Kansan



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