Dreamers Win in Court Turn their Attention to Senate

On June 18, 2020, the Supreme Court ruled to preserve, at least temporarily, protections for the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program. In a five to four decision the Court held that the Trump administration’s decision to end the program was "arbitrary and capricious" under the Administrative Procedure Act. Unfortunately, the Court’s decision provides only a temporary reprieve for America’s Dreamers.

The DACA program protects nearly 700,000 young immigrants from being deported. The program was introduced by President Obama in 2012 as a stopgap measure to shield from deportation people who were brought to the United States as children and does not provide a pathway to citizenship.

At best the Court’s decision is a temporary fix. It will take Congressional action to provide permanent protection for Dreamers and their families. The House has already passed HR 6 the bipartisan American Dream and Promise Act. It is time for the Senate to do the same.

Call your Senators today (202-224-3121) and ask them to enact a Dream Act that provides a path to citizenship for Dreamers without including funding for detention, deportation, or border militarization, or provisions that would limit opportunities for family reunification.