TO: University of Southern California Campus Community
CC: President Carol L. Folt, Provost & Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs Charles F. Zukoski, Vice President of Student Affairs Winston Crisp, USC Academic Senate, USC Undergraduate Student Government
FROM: Graduate Student Government Executive Board
DATE: June 20, 2020
RE: Statement of Solidarity & Support in Response to SCOTUS Decision on DACA

Dear USC Graduate Students,

We write to applaud today’s Supreme Court of the United States (SCOTUS) decision to uphold DACA (Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals) and express continued solidarity with DACA recipients in the campus community.

The SCOTUS decision effectively rejects President Trump Administration’s efforts to end this program and provides Dreamers and DACA recipient scholars the relief that they are here to stay and can focus on their educational and professional pursuits. We formally acknowledge the implications of the decision on DACA and its impact on the campus community as this is in line with USC’s efforts to actively work to build a diverse and inclusive university.

Graduate Student Government (GSG) strongly supports and is actively working to:

● Establish a permanent Undocumented Trojan Resource Center, DREAM(er) Center, as proposed by the IDEAS (Improving Dreams, Education, Access, and Success) movement at USC;
● Collaborate with graduate student governments across the U.S. to urge Congress to enact immigration policies for a path to permanent legal status for Dreamers;
● Create and implement a Multicultural Affairs and Global Inclusion Center to service as a hub for cultural integration and inclusive education;
● Call for USC schools and departments to put in place inclusion efforts for Dreamers as we strive for every Trojan deserves to feel welcomed, respected, and valued.

GSG remains steadfast in support of initiatives to advocate for more specific resources on immigration and path to citizenship for Dreamers. For additional support and advocacy, please do not hesitate to contact the Director of Globalization and Inclusion at gsggi@usc.edu. Below, we have included a list of resources that members of our community may find helpful at this time.

Sincerely,

Graduate Student Government Executive Board 2020-2021
Resources for DACA Recipients:

- Undocumented Trojans Online Resource Center
- DACA Resources (compiled by GSG)
- Student Equity and Inclusion Programs (SEIP) at USC (webpage for undocumented students)
- La Casa at USC Resources for Undocumented Trojans
- USC Student Affairs Career Center (webpage for DACA / undocumented students)

Resources for non-Dreamers to learn more about DACA:

- DREAM act first introduced in 2001
- DREAM act passed by the House in 2010 updated in 2019 as H.R.6
- DACA announced by President Obama, decreed, and implemented by DHS in 2012
- American Immigration Council Fact Sheet on DACA and the DREAM act
- USCIS information on DACA