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The U.S. Commission on Civil Rights Issues Statement Expressing Disappointment over the Supreme Court's Ruling on the DAPA and DACA Case

Washington, DC – On July 15, the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, by majority vote, issued a statement expressing disappointment over the Supreme Court's 4-4 ruling in *United States v. Texas*, regarding the Administration's Deferred Action for Parents of Americans and Lawful Permanent Residents (DAPA) and an expanded Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA). The full statement can be viewed here:

http://www.usccr.gov/press/2016/PR_StatementDAPADACA-7-21-16.pdf

The Court's ruling relates to the President's 2014 Immigration Accountability Executive Action that would cover more of the immigrants who were brought to the U.S. as children and who have lived their entire lives as Americans. The Court's decision leaves in place the underlying injunction against DAPA and expanded DACA – a result of suits by 26 states resisting the Executive Action. In November 2014, via official [statement](#), the Commission – by majority vote – expressed its support for the Executive Action.

Commission Chair Martin R. Castro stated, "The Supreme Court's deadlock continues to keep the doors of this country locked to young people and their families who are American in every way, except on paper. It also reminds us of the urgent need to confirm a ninth Supreme Court justice and for Congress to pass Comprehensive Immigration Reform. We encourage DACA eligible individuals to continue to apply for the protections of that program while we await a decision from the lower courts on the DAPA and expanded DACA."

The Commission calls for sensible immigration reform, and compassionate pathways to permit millions of unauthorized immigrants to continue their contributions to our country without fear of immediate deportation.

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