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The revocation of the DACA program by President Trump is callous, heartless, and frankly unChristian-like. There are currently in excess of 800,000 children and young adults who were afforded protection against deportation under President Obama's Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals. These young men and women, boys and girls, were brought into the country by their parents, many of them as infants, and have known no other home. They call this country their own.

Make no mistake. The President was under no legal obligation to revoke this program and by doing so, has once again shown that his political grandstanding takes precedence over humanity.

Facts about the DACA program:

- DACA recipients are not allowed to vote
- No federal benefits are paid to DACA recipients including Social Security, college financial aid, or food stamps
- DACA recipients ARE REQUIRED TO PAY FEDERAL INCOME TAX
- Approximately 1.2 billion in new tax revenue will disappear with the revocation of the DACA program from gainfully employed DREAMers
- 95% of DACA recipients are gainfully employed or in school
- 73% of Trump voters want DREAMeers to be able to stay in the US legally

With President Trump's stroke of a pen, hundreds of thousands of law-abiding young men and women are at risk of deportation to countries that they do not know. His actions are cruel and continue to divide rather than strengthen the bonds of community in which this great country was founded.

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