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Legal Aid Lauds SCOTUS Decision To Allow DACA To Continue

(New York, NY) – Hasan Shafiqullah, Attorney-in-Charge of the Immigration Law Unit at The Legal Aid Society, released the following statement in response to today’s SCOTUS ruling to block the Trump administration from rescinding the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program:

“Justice prevailed today, and we can at last breathe easily for our vulnerable DACA clients. We are extremely relieved that the Supreme Court saw the attempt to end DACA for what it was: an arbitrary and capricious decision to end a program created lawfully.

With the cases being remanded to the lower courts, we look forward to DACA being fully restored, including allowing initial applications and travel on advance parole to resume. We also call on Congress to do the right thing and at long last pass the DREAM Act, to put these young people on a track to permanent residence and eventual citizenship.”

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