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Legal Aid Statement on Federal Court Ruling Concerning DACA

(NEW YORK, NY) - The Legal Aid Society released the following statement in response to a ruling issued today by a Federal judge in Texas on Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA):

“This decision, by the same judge who ended Deferred Action for Parents of Americans and Permanent Residents (DAPA) in 2015, is both wrong on the law and contrary to our ideals as a nation that purports to welcome the world’s most vulnerable immigrants. The young Dreamers who have come to rely on DACA deserve stability and protection. We call on Congress to finally pass the Dream and Promise Act, so that the hundreds of thousands of young people depending on DACA will at last have the protection of permanent status and a secure place in the fabric of our society.”

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