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Legal Aid Statement on U.S Department of Homeland Security’s Advance Final DACA Rule

(NEW YORK, NY) – The Legal Aid Society released the following statement tonight in response to an advance copy of a final rule that the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) will issue next Tuesday which aims to preserve and fortify Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA):

“We applaud this final rule which will deliver significant relief for our vulnerable DACA clients and all those who have come to rely on DACA for stability and protection. It has been over a decade since DACA was first promulgated, and while the policy has survived multiple legal challenges, it still remains at risk. The publication of this rule marks a pivotal turning point that will help transform the lives of undocumented youth who have been stuck in limbo.

We commend the Biden Administration for standing with the hundreds of thousands of young people who depend on DACA. The U.S House of Representatives has already passed the Dream and Promise Act to provide them a pathway to permanent residence and citizenship, and we now call upon the U.S. Senate to immediately do the same.”

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