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Legal Aid Statement on DACA Decision from Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals in Texas v. U.S

(NEW YORK, NY) – **The Legal Aid Society** released the following statement in response to the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals decision in *Texas v. U.S.*, impacting the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program:

“We are disappointed, but not entirely surprised, by this decision upholding District Court Judge Andrew Hanen’s ruling that DACA is allegedly unlawful. The fact is that DACA is a [widely](#) successful and transformative program for nearly a million young people, and it is a minority of conservative, anti-immigrant voices that continue attempting to end it. The future of hundreds of thousands of people who have enriched and contributed to the economic and cultural fabric of our country should not be contingent on a patchwork of legal rulings.

This decision underscores that DACA was created as a temporary solution. Congress must take action and pass the American Dream and Promise Act. Until there is statutory protection putting Dreamers on a pathway to permanent residence and eventual citizenship, conservatives will continue to play politics with their lives.”

For more resources, visit: <https://legalaidnyc.org/get-help/immigration-deportation>.

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