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**DACA RECIPIENTS, MILWAUKEE LEADERS HOST ROUNDTABLE CALLING FOR  
LONG-TERM LEGISLATIVE SOLUTION FOR DREAMERS THIS YEAR**

**MILWAUKEE** – Today, community leaders and Deferred Action for Childhood Arrival (DACA) program recipients hosted a roundtable calling for congressional action for a long-term legislative solution for Dreamers. The roundtable included discussion by Cinthia Silva Tellez, a DACA recipient; Jessica Perez from Hispanic Professionals of Greater Milwaukee; and Eileen Figueroa, LULAC State Director.

The discussion focused on the current state of play in Wisconsin and nationally, as well as the urgent need for congressional action to protect approximately 800,000 Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program recipients, who are currently living and working in the United States but face the imminent threat of deportation if Congress does not pass a permanent legislative solution.

There are close to 7,600 Dreamers in Wisconsin who contribute \$427 million to the state economy each year. In addition to the dire moral consequences of ripping millions of families apart, economists predict that deporting the Dreamer population would result in an annual loss of nearly \$8.5 million in local and state tax revenue.

If Congress fails to pass and implement a permanent legislative solution by March 5, approximately [1,700 Dreamers will lose their jobs every single business day between March 6 and November 6 of 2018](#). Nearly 800,000 individuals who are currently employed and contributing as productive members of the American workforce would lose their work authorization and could be fired over the course of two years.

“As community and business leaders, it is imperative that we enact a long-term legislative solution for the young, immigrant Dreamers in our community. They have been contributing to our communities, businesses, and schools for the majority of their lives. It’s time to finally give them a permanent solution by passing bipartisan legislation before the end of the year,” said **Nancy Hernandez, President of ABRAZO Marketing**.

“Without a Dream Act, the nearly 7,600 Dreamers in Wisconsin will lose their work authorization and become priorities for deportation immediately after their DACA protections expire,” said **FWD.us**

**Communications Director Peter Boogaard.** “Every member of Congress must now decide whether he or she is going to allow Dreamers the chance to earn a path to citizenship by passing permanent legislation, or whether they are going to watch as our neighbors, coworkers and some of our country’s brightest students are ripped from classrooms and our communities and deported to countries they may not even remember.”

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