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Attention DACA Students:

We are reaching out to provide an important advisory to exercise caution before signing any voluntary departure forms.

Know Your Rights

Almost every person who has been in the United States for at least one year has the right to request a hearing before an Immigration Judge. By requesting a hearing for yourself or a family member, you can buy time to get in touch with an immigration attorney who can advise you and possibly help you avoid deportation.

If you sign a "Voluntary Departure" form, you may be forced to leave the United States in just a few hours. Individuals who are outside the U.S. have fewer rights and may lose the opportunity to apply for some forms of relief from deportation. An Immigration Judge also has authority to grant Voluntary Departure at a later time.

What to say if you are approached:

Dear Immigration Officer:

I have been in the United States for at least one year and I request a hearing before an Immigration Judge. I refuse to sign any request for Voluntary Departure.