January 17, 2018

Dear Student:

On January 9, 2018, a nation-wide order was issued requiring the Federal Government to maintain the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program with the following exceptions:

- Individuals who never applied for DACA before “need not be processed” and probably will not be accepted.
- The government does not have to give advance paroles (travel permits) to individuals with DACA; however, the court says the government can if it wishes to do so.
- Renewal DACA applications are discretionary, although the court stated that the government must take steps to insure that discretion is exercised fairly and on an individualized basis.

**Students eligible to renew their DACA applications under the court decision should:**

- Contact your legal representative as soon as possible.
- Prepare and file an application for DACA renewal as soon as possible.
- Follow the latest news from a reliable source including: [https://calmatters.org/?s=daca](https://calmatters.org/?s=daca)
- Avoid any violation of state or federal law that would bring the attention of immigration enforcement agents or lead to a denial of DACA
- Be aware your rights and protections under California law, including your right not to speak with an immigration enforcement agent without your consent

Following is a link to important information about DACA renewal:


**NOTE:** The court decision does not prohibit the Federal Government from taking enforcement action against anyone, including DACA eligible individuals, who are a threat to the United States, or in the judgment of the government “deserves to be removed.”

Sincerely,

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