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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>
- 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:

<https://www.uscis.gov/humanitarian/deferred-action-childhood-arrivals-response-january-2018-preliminary-injunction>

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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