



Seattle Human Rights Commission

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The Seattle Human Rights Commission is deeply distraught about President Trump's decision to rescind the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program, otherwise known as DACA. Removing DACA and targeting the immigrants without DACA status is an inhumane and cruel decision that will devastate the lives of thousands of young people and their families in the Seattle area and across our nation.

The Seattle Human Rights Commission joins Governor Jay Inslee, Attorney General Bob Ferguson, local elected leaders, and community organizations that are organizing at the forefront to fight with and for DACA recipients, and all undocumented people. The City of Seattle was declared a Human Rights City on December 10th, 2012, committing itself to protect, respect and fulfill the full range of inherent human rights for all as set forth in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and numerous other international human rights treaties. Article 23 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights states that "Everyone has the right to work, to free choice of employment, to just and favourable conditions of work and to protection against unemployment." Assuring that DACA recipients and all undocumented people can study, work, live without fear and support their families maintains their basic human rights.

Roughly 12,000 DACA recipients live in King County, and 18,000 DACA recipients live across Washington State. Many DACA recipients support their families through the income that they receive with DACA. Overall, roughly 250,000 undocumented people live in the state of Washington, and their work and service is extremely important to the community.

The Seattle Human Rights Commission urges the Washington State Congressional Delegation to act immediately to uphold basic human rights and protect DACA recipients, their families, and all of the undocumented people living in the United States who did not qualify for the program.