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## On 9<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of DACA, Top Business Coalition Urges Action on Bipartisan Dream Act

WASHINGTON D.C. – The Coalition for the American Dream, which comprises more than 100 of the nation’s top businesses and trade associations representing every major sector of the economy and millions of U.S. workers, today released the following statement on the 9<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program – or DACA – which was signed by then-President Obama on June 15, 2012.

Notably, the anniversary comes as the Senate Judiciary Committee [holds a hearing](#) today on H.R. 6, *American Dream and Promise Act of 2021*, which would provide Dreamers the opportunity to earn lawful permanent residence and, eventually, American citizenship if they meet certain requirements. The Coalition has [previously endorsed](#) both H.R. 6 and the [bipartisan Dream Act](#) introduced by U.S. Senators Dick Durbin and Lindsey Graham.

### Coalition for the American Dream Statement Today:

“Today’s anniversary is a reminder that for far too long, Congress has failed to pass permanent protections for Dreamers despite bipartisan support in both chambers of Congress and the strong support of a majority of Americans in both political parties.

“These are young people who were brought to this country through no fault of their own, have grown up in our communities and who now play an important role in our country, particularly for our businesses. DACA recipients contribute billions of dollars to the GDP, they pay federal, state, and local taxes, they work at our companies, teach our children in school, and serve in our military. They deserve permanent protections and to have the threat of deportation lifted once and for all.

“The House has acted to pass *American Dream and Promise Act of 2021* (H.R. 6) back in March, and it’s our hope that the Senate will soon vote and send a bill to President Biden for his signature. Dreamers and the U.S. business community that employs many of them should not have to wait another 9 years for Congress to address this critical issue.”

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