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In Defense of Dreamers

In September, President Trump rescinded the Obama Administration's Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) Executive Order, which protected undocumented immigrants brought to the US as children from deportation and allowed them the ability to work and study. In doing so, President Trump's Administration also announced a plan to continue renewing permits for anyone whose status expires in the next six months, giving Congress time to act before any currently protected individuals lose their ability to work, study, and live in the US. Following DACA's rescission, UC President Janet Napolitano announced the University of California filed a lawsuit in federal court against the Trump Administration, on the grounds that the Administration "wrongly and unconstitutionally the violated the rights of the University and its students by rescinding the DACA Executive Order." To date, approximately 8,000 students have applied for protection under DACA. At the University of California, about 4,000 students will be impacted. This is unacceptable to the UCSF community: it is opposed to the action taken by President Trump in ending the DACA Program. The potential absence of the so-called Dreamers from our laboratories, medical centers, and lecture halls deny **us** valuable teaching experiences and run counter to the application of inquiry and excellence.

We are stronger as a nation and as an institution of higher learning **because** of our diversity and inclusion, and not the absence of those whose experiences differ from our own. UCSF's PRIDE values strengthen our campus and the work we carry out each day inside our laboratories, surgery suites, classrooms, and communities:

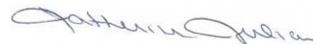
Professionalism
Respect
Integrity
Diversity
Excellence

The Academic Senate and the Committee on Equal Opportunity stand with UCSF Chancellor Hawgood and UC President Napolitano in defense of DACA and California Dreamers. We pledge to work with the Chancellor and the campus community to support our Dreamers by creating an environment free of fear of deportation. We will stand by and with our Dreamers in all ways consistent with our core values to ensure their continued education, and encourage our government's leadership to value the contributions and education of its entire people.

It is important for UCSF to remain an institution of opportunity for all who seek to advance our culture of inclusion and excellence, and lift humanity in all corners of the globe.



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