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AAAS Speaks Out Against Trump Administration Halt of Young Immigrant Program

The American Association for the Advancement of Science seriously opposes the White House decision to end legal protection for DACA students, as announced on Sept. 5. Many DACA students make significant contributions to the scientific and engineering enterprise in the United States; we agree with the university community's statement that "high-achieving young people in DACA contribute in many ways to our nation." Many are studying to become scientists, engineers, medical doctors and entrepreneurs. Given the administration's decision, we urge Congress to craft legislation that provides long-term protection for these young people who seek to continue their education and contribute to society. As AAAS has stated previously, our nation's immigration policies have profound implications for scientific – as well as humanitarian and economic – interests. Our nation needs an immigration policy that advances U.S. innovation and prosperity and stays true to foundational American goals that seek contributions to society from all.

– Rush Holt, CEO of the American Association for the Advancement of Science

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