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Sigma Lambda Upsilon Defends DACA

Sigma Lambda Upsilon is gravely disappointed with the current administration's decision to end the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program. Nearly 800,000 undocumented individuals will be affected by the decision. These persons are members of our organization, neighbors, family and colleagues who were promised protection from deportation and betrayed by a false sense of security.

The end of DACA represents a human rights concern for our country. As an organization committed to empowering marginalized communities and the advancement of Latinos, we feel compelled to respond. We are devoted to taking steps to support our Hermanas directly affected and the larger Latino community. We will stand with you and for you.

We empathize with the anxiety, fear and trauma facing DACA recipients. We acknowledge your positive contributions to this nation and value your impact to our lives. If you are seeking resources in the face of uncertainty, we recommend:

- 1. We Are Here to Stay
- 2. <u>Immigrant Legal Resource Center</u>
- 3. US Citizenship and Immigration Services

The end of the "dreamer" program comes with a six-month window for Congress to act. We encourage the public to reach out to their representatives to enact legislation protecting DACA recipients. Please contact your <u>United States Senator</u> or <u>Congressional Representative</u>.

Sigma Lambda Upsilon feels confident in the power of unity and the ability of everyday people to effect change. We look forward to continued healing, support and direct action in collaboration with other community organizers.

About Sigma Lambda Upsilon/Señoritas Latinas Unidas Sorority, Inc.

Sigma Lambda Upsilon/Señoritas Latinas Unidas Sorority, Inc. was founded on December 1, 1987 at Binghamton University with the purpose of providing a voice and means for empowerment to women everywhere. The sorority provides sisterhood and support while also promoting academic excellence, service to the community, leadership and cultural enrichment to college-educated and professional women. Dedicated to uplifting traditionally marginalized communities, the sorority challenges the status quo through programming and civic engagement initiatives that are both exemplary and unique. For more information, visit: www.sigmalambdaupsilon.org

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