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## **CA Asian and Pacific Islander Legislative Caucus Stands With DACA Recipients**

**Sacramento** – Assemblymember Rob Bonta, Chair of the California Asian Pacific Islander (API) Legislative Caucus, issued the following statement in response to President Trump’s decision to end the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program.

“The DACA program has benefitted thousands of individuals and families, including many that are Asian and Pacific Islander (API). The President is recklessly dissolving a program that has helped approximately 800,000 young people hold jobs, purchase homes, open businesses, serve in the military and provide for their families.

“The President has heartlessly punted the issue to Congress without any leadership or indication of whether he would sign legislation to protect our immigrant youth and young adults. This absence of leadership sends a cold and cruel message. This program not only improves the quality of life for these individuals but also boosts the economy of our state.

“The API Legislative Caucus stands with DACA recipients in California and pledges to fight to protect them. We further call on Congress to save DACA and pass comprehensive immigration reform. “

*The California Asian Pacific Islander Legislative Caucus represents and advocates for the interests of the diverse API communities throughout California. It seeks to increase Asian Pacific Islander participation and representation in all levels of government.*

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