

Landmark Decision on DREAMers

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I understand the challenges and struggles facing today's American families. Reforming our nation's broken immigration system in a fair and smart way makes sense for our communities, our businesses, and our security. Two years ago, we faced a devastating Senate vote that dimmed the dreams of 2.1 million total Development, Relief and Education for Alien Minors (DREAM) Act beneficiaries—the DREAMers. California is home to 26% of these DREAMers, more than any other state. However, today, Obama Administration's policy change lightens the sky and brings relief, even if temporary, to these young people and their families.

In California, and throughout this country, I have stood side by side with the DREAMers and undocumented youth and witnessed their resiliency. As the President said, this is the "right thing to do." I will continue to lead and fight for comprehensive immigration reform in Congress, especially on the front to reunite our families.

We expect our children to do well in school and to be good, law-abiding, productive citizens in our society—and the undocumented immigrant youths who will benefit from today's announcement do just that. From building railroads to starting businesses, immigrants made, and continue to make, our country stronger, better, and more competitive. Today is indeed, a significant and emotional day for the estimated 800,000 beneficiaries of the President's announcement. Today is a historical day for all Americans.

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For more information, please refer to the following [Frequently Asked Questions](#) document and this [Fact Sheet](#) on the decision.