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CALL FOR SUPPORT OF DEFERRED ACTION FOR CHILDHOOD ARRIVALS (DACA) PROGRAM

STUDENT GOVERNMENT BOARD
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Zuri Kent-Smith introduced the following resolution; which was read for the first time.

19 SEPTEMBER 2017
Read the second time and voted on.

A RESOLUTION
CALL FOR SUPPORT OF THE DEFERRED ACTION FOR CHILDHOOD ARRIVALS (DACA) PROGRAM

1 WHEREAS, Since 2012, nearly 800,000 persons have been granted protected status under the Deferred Action For Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program1;

2 WHEREAS, these vital members of society have thrived in and contributed to the United States and Pennsylvania;

3 WHEREAS, 72% of recipients are enrolled in higher education, 80% have driver's licenses (with half being registered organ donors), and over 90% of recipients are employed2;

4 WHEREAS, every student at the University of Pittsburgh, and across the world, deserves the right to freely pursue higher education without fear for their safety or wellbeing;

1 US Immigration: DACA and Dreamers Explained [tinyurl.com/y8madxk6]
2 2017 National DACA Study [tinyurl.com/y86ss3gm]
WHEREAS, permanently ending the program will result in the separation of families, and children and young adults being forced to move to countries they do not consider home; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, on this 19th day of September in the year 2017, the University of Pittsburgh Student Government Board calls upon lawmakers from all parties to come together and create a sustainable solution to protect the rights of DACA recipients; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the University of Pittsburgh Student Government Board thoroughly and wholeheartedly stands in solidarity with those whom are affected by the proposed change in federal immigration policy; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the University of Pittsburgh continue current policies regarding DACA recipients and ensure the safety and wellbeing of these students; and be it further

RESOLVED, that Student Government Board will take action to defend the rights of DREAMers to reside in the United States and continue to strive for a better life; and be it finally

RESOLVED, this resolution shall be effective immediately upon adoption and shall reflect the official position of the University of Pittsburgh Student Government Board.

ADOPTED: this 19th day of September 2017 by a vote of 8 for, 0 against, and 0 abstentions.

Max Kneis, President
University of Pittsburgh Student Government Board