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

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## STUDENT GOVERNMENT BOARD UNIVERSITY OF PITTSBURGH

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12 SEPTEMBER 2017

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

19 SEPTEMBER 2017

Read the second time and voted on.

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## 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  
2 protected status under the Deferred Action For  
3 Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program<sup>1</sup>;
- 4 WHEREAS, these vital members of society have thrived in and  
5 contributed to the United States and Pennsylvania;
- 6 WHEREAS, 72% of recipients are enrolled in higher education, 80%  
7 have driver's licenses (with half being registered organ  
8 donors), and over 90% of recipients are employed<sup>2</sup>;
- 9 WHEREAS, every student at the University of Pittsburgh, and  
10 across the world, deserves the right to freely pursue  
11 higher education without fear for their safety or  
12 wellbeing;
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<sup>1</sup> US Immigration: DACA and Dreamers Explained [tinyurl.com/y8madxk6]

<sup>2</sup> 2017 National DACA Study [tinyurl.com/y86ss3gm]

14 WHEREAS, permanently ending the program will result in the  
15 separation of families, and children and young adults  
16 being forced to move to countries they do not consider  
17 home; *now, therefore, be it*

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

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

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

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

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

39 ADOPTED: this 19<sup>th</sup> day of September 2017 by a vote of 8 for, 0  
40 against, and 0 abstentions.

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Max Kneis, President  
University of Pittsburgh Student Government Board