

DEFERRED ACTION FOR CHILDHOOD ARRIVAL (DACA)

WHEREAS on September 5, 2017, President Trump ordered an end to the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrival (DACA) program within 6 months.

WHEREAS this action affects those undocumented immigrants, known as “Dreamers”, who were brought not of their own free will to the U.S. as children; when their parents and family migrated as undocumented immigrants. Dreamers have grown up in the U. S. and are fully acclimated as Americans.

WHEREAS nearly 800,000 Dreamers who live in the U.S face losing the two-year temporary residency granted by the DACA program; which might result in their deportation from the U.S.

WHEREAS over 18,000 Dreamers live in Washington State and pay state and local taxes which is an economic gain of nearly \$1 billion a year to the state of Washington.

WHEREAS over 90% of all Washington State Democrats are outraged by President Trump’s severe action toward Dreamers.

WHEREAS an estimated 45,000 of Washington’s undocumented immigrants who came as children are eligible for DACA.

WHEREAS Dreamers must attend high school, have a high school diploma or a GED to qualify for DACA.

WHEREAS equal opportunity is a core value of the Skagit County Democratic Party platform and for all who support the U.S. Constitution.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Skagit County Democratic Party condemns this order made by President Trump.

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Skagit County Democratic Party mails this resolution, by US Postal Service, to each of the twelve members of our Congressional Delegation along with a cover letter requesting the passing of the DREAM Act of 2017 or similar legislation that includes a pathway to citizenship for all DACA recipients.

Passed at the Skagit Democratic Party Executive Board Meeting

Date

10/14/2017

Signature

