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CLLARO Issues Statement in Response to Fifth Circuit Decision Regarding DACA

Yesterday, a federal appeals court decided against the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program. The Fifth Circuit's decision leaves the current policy intact for the nearly 600,000 individuals currently enrolled in the DACA program as the regulation is sent back to a lower court in Texas for further review, which is set to go into effect on October 31.

Colorado Latino Leadership, Advocacy and Research Organization (CLLARO) issued the following statement regarding the decision:

"While we are grateful for the protection of the more than 600,000 'Dreamers' and their ability to remain in and work in this country, that isn't a solution for those who haven't even had the opportunity to apply for DACA yet," says CLLARO Director of Development and Communications Lauren Archuleta. "Our community has been organizing fighting in response to former President Trump halting all new applications for DACA in September of 2017, and this decision is just one more hard blow."

The CLLARO staff and board of directors stand firmly in the urgency to find a permanent legislative solution for immigrant youth. "We have known for five years now that the future of DACA remains unclear, and we need to elevate our urgent plea to Congress for a permanent solution for a pathway to citizenship," says Mario M. Carrera, President/CEO of CLLARO. "The public is widely in agreement with this, and it's even more evident today. Every citizen should call their representatives in Congress and demand an immediate solution to DACA's permanent resolution and comprehensive immigration reform."

CLLARO is encouraging current DACA recipients to reapply for DACA as soon as possible. The organization's resource navigation team is also available to contact in finding financial assistance to cover the reapplication fee of \$490 every two years. Contact 720-452-2641 for more information.

"In the ten years of the DACA program, we have seen just how powerful a political force the

'Dreamers' are, and the contributions they provide to every aspect of our community," Carrera says. "We ask our community members to call your legislators, express your support as well, and relay the need for a permanent solution."

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The Colorado Latino Leadership, Advocacy & Research Organization (CLLARO), formerly known as LARASA, is a non-profit organization established in 1964. CLLARO's mission is to empower Latinos through leadership development, advocacy, and policy research to strengthen Colorado.

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