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AALL Responds to Trump Administration’s Plan to Terminate Deferred Action to Childhood Arrivals (DACA)

Association remains committed to core values

CHICAGO—Sept. 7, 2017— The [American Association of Law Libraries](http://www.aallnet.org) (AALL) today released the following statement in response to the Trump administration’s plan to terminate the Deferred Action to Childhood Arrivals (DACA). This program protected an estimated 800,000 undocumented people who were brought to the United States as children.

“We ask Congress to act quickly to establish protection for those, who through no fault of their own, were brought here as children. They deserve to have legal status in this country, which has been their only home,” said AALL President Greg Lambert.

These “Dreamers” are actively pursuing the American dream and are working to advance themselves through education, training, and service. Many are enrolled in this nation’s law and library schools. As an Association, we support their right to pursue the American dream without fear of deportation.

Our public law libraries are open to all, and AALL’s core values require that all individuals have access to justice and due process under the law regardless of immigration status. “The fear and uncertainty expressed by law students, law library patrons, and our employees, is palpable,” Lambert stated. “They deserve protection under the law, and to be valued for the contributions they have made to our nation.”

AALL remains committed to its core values, and its service to the public in making the law accessible to all.

About AALL

The American Association of Law Libraries (AALL) is the only national association dedicated to the legal information profession and its professionals. Founded in 1906 on the belief that people—lawyers, judges, students, and the public—need timely access to relevant legal information to make sound legal arguments and wise legal decisions, its nearly 4,500 members are problem solvers of the highest order. AALL fosters the profession by offering its members knowledge, leadership, and community that make the whole legal system stronger. For more information, visit www.aallnet.org.