

Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

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The Honorable Markwayne Mullin
Secretary
U.S. Department of Homeland Security
2707 Martin Luther King Jr. Ave SE
Washington, DC 20528

The Honorable Joseph B. Edlow
Director
U.S. Citizenship and Immigration
Services
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Camp Springs, MD 20746

Dear Secretary Mullin and Director Edlow:

As Members of Congress representing the Central Valley of California, we are concerned with the significant delays in processing renewal requests for individuals who have Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) status. We respectfully urge U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) to take steps to expedite the review and adjudication of these renewal applications to help prevent unnecessary disruptions for applicants, employers, and our local communities.

The Central Valley is home to one of the largest concentrations of DACA recipients in the nation, with California alone accounting for over 27% of all active DACA recipients nationwide. DACA recipients pay taxes and contribute meaningfully to our workforce and economy, with many employed as first responders, healthcare professionals, agriculture workers, and educators. They are our neighbors, our essential workers, and play an important role in our regional economy. Delays in processing their renewals can result in a lapse in work authorization and create uncertainty for individuals, families, and employers.

DACA individuals follow strict rules to comply with the renewal program, and many have submitted their renewal applications in accordance with USCIS guidance. However, our offices have seen a substantial increase in constituent cases involving pending renewals, with many remaining unresolved for more than six months. These extended processing times are creating avoidable hardships for our communities and our economy.

Given the critical role DACA recipients play in our districts' agriculture, industry, and broader communities, we respectfully request a review of current DACA renewal processing timelines and any available measures USCIS can implement to improve efficiency and reduce delays. Ensuring a timely review of DACA renewals will provide greater stability for both applicants and their families, as well as employers and our communities that depend on their continued contributions.

Thank you in advance for your prompt attention to this urgent matter.


Sincerely,



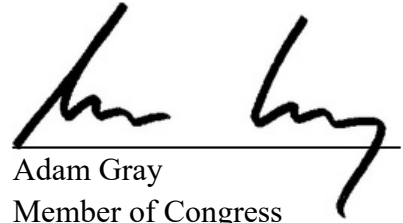
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