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<b>To:</b>	"Hamilton, Gene (b) (6) "Nealon, James (b) (6) "Neumann, Elizabeth (b) (6) "Wolf, Chad (b) (6) "Hoffman, Jonathan (b) (6) "Maher, Joseph (b) (6) "McCament, James W (b) (6)
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<b>Date:</b>	2017/09/02 20:03:33
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Q1- still reads off- might be track changes.

Q17- seems odd to specifically reference (b) (5). Seems like it would be better to phrase it as DHS leadership consulted with all relevant operational components, as we always do, on decisions to assess operational impacts etc.

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**From:** Hamilton, Gene  
**Sent:** Saturday, September 02, 2017 7:54:42 PM  
**To:** Nealon, James; Neumann, Elizabeth; Wolf, Chad; Hoffman, Jonathan; Maher, Joseph; McCament, James W; Petyo, Briana  
**Cc:** Lapan, David  
**Subject:** RE: Q&A

With attachment this time.

Gene P. Hamilton  
Senior Counselor to the Secretary  
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**To:** Nealon, James (b) (6); Neumann, Elizabeth (b) (6); Wolf, Chad (b) (6); Hoffman, Jonathan (b) (6); Maher, Joseph (b) (6)

<b>From:</b>	Lapan, David </O=(b) (6)>
<b>To:</b>	"Kupperman, Tammy (b) (6)"
<b>Subject:</b>	RE: good morning!
<b>Date:</b>	2017/02/15 17:13:28
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Of course they did...but that's not the only basis

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**From:** Kupperman, Tammy [mailto:(b) (6)]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 15, 2017 5:11 PM  
**To:** Lapan, David (b) (6) >  
**Subject:** Re: good morning!

Thanks we will call them

But lawyers say he was coerced into admitting—which would be the reason for false admission.

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**From:** "Lapan, David" (b) (6)  
**Date:** Wednesday, February 15, 2017 at 5:09 PM  
**To:** "Kupperman, Tammy" (b) (6)  
**Subject:** RE: good morning!

ICE should be able to address that, but it was more than just admission.

And why would he falsely admit being in gangs?

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**From:** Kupperman, Tammy [mailto:(b) (6)]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 15, 2017 5:08 PM  
**To:** Lapan, David (b) (6)  
**Subject:** Re: good morning!

What evidence did ICE have that Ramirez is a gang member? Asking because lawyers deny and say his admission was coerced.

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**From:** "Lapan, David" (b) (6)  
**Date:** Wednesday, February 15, 2017 at 5:04 PM  
**To:** "Kupperman, Tammy" (b) (6)  
**Subject:** RE: good morning!

Should be out shortly –

**DHS STATEMENT ON ARREST OF ADMITTED ALIEN GANG MEMBER IN WASHINGTON**

WASHINGTON - Under Department of Homeland Security (DHS) policy, aliens granted deferred action from deportation who are subsequently found to pose a threat to national security or public safety may have their grant of temporary relief terminated at any time and DHS may seek their removal from the United States. This includes those who have been arrested or convicted of certain crimes, or those who are associated with criminal gangs. Since the start of the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program in 2012, approximately 1,500 recipients have had their benefits terminated due to a criminal conviction, gang affiliation, or a criminal conviction related to gang affiliation.

On February 10, Daniel Ramirez-Medina, a gang member, was encountered at a residence in Des Moines, Washington, during an operation targeting a prior-deported felon. He was arrested by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) and was transferred to the Northwest Detention Center to await the outcome of removal proceedings before an immigration judge.

This case illustrates the work ICE fugitive operations teams perform every day across the country to remove public safety threats from our communities when they encounter them. ICE officers, along with their law enforcement partners, have and will continue to enforce our nation's laws to protect public safety, national security, and to preserve the integrity of our immigration system.

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**From:** Lapan, David  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 15, 2017 3:55 PM  
**To:** Kupperman, Tammy (b) (6)  
**Subject:** RE: good morning!

Ramirez

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**From:** Kupperman, Tammy  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 15, 2017 3:51:51 PM  
**To:** Lapan, David  
**Subject:** Re: good morning!

The statement or the travel EO/etc?

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**From:** "Lapan, David" (b) (6)  
**Date:** Wednesday, February 15, 2017 at 3:49 PM  
**To:** "Kupperman, Tammy" (b) (6)  
**Subject:** RE: good morning!

No, still trying to get it through the lawyers because there is litigation involved!

Thanks!  
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Sorry,

This had a quick turn around. Need DACA statement and the generic one about DAPA tied up in the courts

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**From:** (b) (6) on behalf of USCIS Exec Sec  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 02, 2017 10:34:09 PM  
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**Subject:** \*\*\*\*\*HOT\*\*\*HOT\*\*\*HOT\*\*\* S1BB - 03.06-07.17 - Trip to Dallas (Due: 03.02.17, 0900)

**SCOPS and OP&S:**

Please provide input for Attachment A by **9am tomorrow, 3/3**. We apologize for the very short suspense.

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### Interview with Time Magazine - December 8, 2016

"We're going to work something out that's going to make people happy and proud. They got brought here at a very young age, they've worked here, they've gone to school here. Some were good students. Some have wonderful jobs. And they're in never-never land because they don't know what's going to happen."

### Fox and Friends - January 18, 2017

"It's a plan that's going to be very firm, but it's going to have a lot of heart. And we're going to be looking into that situation" "That's a very tough situation, but I think they're going to end up being very happy. We're going to have great people coming into our country, people that love our country,"

### ABC News Interview January 25, 2017

"I do have a big heart. We're going to take care of everybody...But I will tell you, we're looking at this, the whole immigration situation, we're looking at it with great heart."

McClatchy News - August 22, 2017

## **Trump aides plot a big immigration deal — that breaks a campaign promise**

Donald Trump's top aides are pushing him to protect young people brought into the country illegally as children — and then use the issue as a bargaining chip for a larger immigration deal — despite the president's campaign vow to deport so-called Dreamers.

The White House officials want Trump to strike an ambitious deal with Congress that offers Dreamers protection in exchange for legislation that pays for a border wall and more detention facilities, curbs legal immigration and implements E-verify, an online system that allows businesses to check immigration status, according to a half-dozen people familiar with situation, most involved with the negotiations.

The group includes former and current White House chiefs of staff, Reince Priebus and John Kelly, the president's daughter, Ivanka Trump, and her husband, Jared Kushner, who both serve as presidential advisers, they said. Others who have not been as vocal publicly about their stance but are thought to agree include Vice President Mike Pence, who as a congressman worked on a failed immigration deal that called for citizenship, National Security Adviser H.R. McMaster and Gary Cohn, a Democrat who serves as director of the National Economic Council.

"They are holding this out as a bargaining chip for other things," said Ira Mehlman, a spokesman with the Federation for American Immigration Reform, a group that opposes protecting Dreamers and is in talks with the administration.

On the other side, a smaller group — including Attorney General Jeff Sessions and his former aides, Stephen Miller, who serves as Trump's senior policy adviser, and Rick Dearborn, White House deputy chief of staff — opposes citizenship, according to sources familiar with the discussions.

"He getting conflicting advice inside, and that's caused hesitation," said Rosemary Jenks, director of government relations of Numbers USA, a group that opposes protecting Dreamers and is in talks with the administration. "Obviously president doesn't want to make a decision but he has to."

Miller was ordered not to brief the president on the issue in recent months, according to two of the people. A former campaign and transition aide, Miller has briefed Trump many times on Dreamers so his views are not unknown, but the president has a tendency to side with the last person who speaks to him and Kelly, who became chief of staff three weeks ago, has kept a tight watch on who gets to talk to Trump.

"The president knows where Stephen Miller stands," said a former Trump adviser familiar with the situation who asked for anonymity. "It was discussed in the primary and general election. A new conversation is not going to change anything."

The 5-year-old program launched by the Obama administration and known as DACA — Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals— protects young people brought into the country illegally as children by their undocumented parents from deportation and allows them to attain work permits.

Ten states, led by Texas, have threatened to sue the U.S. government if it does not end the program by Sept. 5. They sent a letter, signed by nine Republican attorneys general and one Republican governor, from states including Kansas, South Carolina and Idaho. Another 20 states, led by California Attorney General Xavier Becerra urged Trump to refuse that request.

During the presidential campaign, Trump repeatedly said he would end the deferred deportation policy, calling it “amnesty” and an abuse of the president’s powers. But after inauguration, he not only failed to act but pledged to treat Dreamers with “great heart.”

“DACA is a very, very difficult subject for me,” he said in February. “To me, it’s one of the most difficult subjects I have because you have these incredible kids, in many cases not in all cases. In some of the cases they’re having DACA and they’re gang members and they’re drug dealers too. But you have some absolutely incredible kids, I would say mostly.”

Some Trump aides express similar compassion for the Dreamers — roughly 800,000 immigrants currently protected by the Obama-era program — while others fear opposing the popular policy could lead to backlash with voters, business executives and donors.

The administration has continued to allow Dreamers to apply for the program and even renew their permits — at nearly the rate of the Obama administration — much to the dismay of some of his own supporters who want him to make good on his campaign promise.

Groups that support stronger enforcement are nervous about what they describe as “strong forces” from within the White House and throughout the administration that support protections for Dreamers. “That is why the anti-amnesty forces are very nervous about it,” said a source familiar with the discussions. “What’s going to happen?”

In June, the administration rescinded another Obama immigration program — Deferred Action for Parents of Americans and Lawful Permanent Residents, often called DAPA — that allowed parents in the country illegally with children who were citizens or legal residents to be receive renewable work permits.

The program — which could have affected up to 4 million people — had never gone into effect after an appeals court halted its implementation. Kelly, then the secretary of Homeland Security, decided to rescind the DAPA memo “because there is no credible path forward to litigate the currently enjoined policy.”

That decision signaled to advocates on both sides of the issue that while Trump plans to proceed with some of the immigration proposals that powered his 2016 campaign he may not want to rescind DACA.

“When they did not pull the (DACA) memo, many took it a positive sign of the president’s intention as it relates to Dreamers,” said Rob Jesmer, a Republican strategist who has long sought an immigration overhaul and works with FWD.us, an initiative created by Facebook founder Mark Zuckerberg that is pushing to save DACA. “Frankly, I think his comments and actions show he wants to find a fair and equitable solution.”

Numerous polls this year show support for immigration at record highs with more Americans, including those who backed Trump, favoring a path to legal status for immigrants rather than deportations. Seventy-eight percent of registered voters said Dreamers should be allowed to remain in the United States, according to a Morning Consult polling April.

Notably, that includes 73 percent of Trump voters.

Trump and his aides are eager for accomplishments while his presidency has been bogged down in multiple controversies, including investigations into the Trump team's connections to Russian operations that meddled in the 2016 presidential election.

"It's smart for them to use it," said a Republican who is close to the White House. "If they could use it for a win, that would be good thing."

Republicans, who control both the White House and Congress for the first time in 10 years, failed to repeal and replace the Affordable Care Act — their top priority — and a major immigration deal could be even more difficult.

While Republicans leaders have expressed willingness to begin spending money on a border wall, other pieces of what the White House wants, including curbing legal immigration and implementing e-verify, are unpopular. Some Republicans think that the White House is overly optimistic about the deal it can get done, especially after Trump spent August openly berating Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell of Kentucky and Sen. John McCain of Arizona.

"There's generally a deal to be had. Democrats are going to have to give a little, Republicans are going to have to give a little," said a Republican familiar with the situation. "But it involves legislating and that's not something Congress has done a very good job of."



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## **GOP Lawmakers Urge Trump To Keep Protections For 'Dreamers'**

By Cristina Marcos

[The Hill](#), August 24, 2017

A group of mostly centrist House Republicans is urging President Trump to keep protections in place for young immigrants brought to the U.S. illegally as children.

In a letter made public Thursday, a half-dozen GOP lawmakers encouraged Trump to focus his immigration enforcement policies on criminals and leave the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program in place until Congress can pass immigration reform.

"Children brought to the United States at a young age did not have a choice in the matter," the lawmakers wrote. "Such cases require careful and thoughtful analysis about what is in the best interests of our country."

"We strongly support your commitment to deporting those who have broken our laws, and we believe the resources that might be directed towards targeting those with DACA status would be better spent on targeting criminals."

Trump faces a September deadline to make his position clear on the Obama-era program, which grants temporary work permits to certain qualifying undocumented immigrants.

An ultimatum issued by 10 state attorneys general threatening to challenge DACA demands the Trump administration to decide by Sept. 5 whether to rescind the program or defend it in court.

The letter released Thursday was signed by Reps. Dan Donovan (N.Y.), Carlos Curbelo (Fla.), David Valadao (Calif.), Jeff Denham (Calif.), Don Bacon (Neb.) and Ileana Ros-Lehtinen (Fla.).

Bacon was the only signatory on the letter whose state is threatening to challenge DACA in court.

The lawmakers pointed to a bill introduced by Curbelo, the Recognizing America's Children Act, as a possible legislative solution. The legislation would establish a pathway for DACA recipients and other young undocumented immigrants brought to the U.S. as children to gain legal status. The bill currently has 18 GOP cosponsors, but has not received any legislative action to date.

Trump campaigned promising to crack down on illegal immigration, but has taken a softer tone on the fate of immigrants already enrolled in DACA.

"It's a decision that I make and it's a decision that's very, very hard to make. I really understand the situation now," Trump told reporters on Air Force One in July.

"I understand the situation very well. What I'd like to do is a comprehensive immigration plan. But our country and political forces are not ready yet."

The Department of Homeland Security announced in June that current DACA recipients would "continue to be eligible for renewal."

At the same time, the Trump administration formally rescinded another Obama-era program that would have shielded undocumented immigrants from deportation who were parents of children legally in the U.S. That program, known as Deferred Action for Parents of Americans and Lawful Permanent Residents (DAPA), never went into effect because of legal litigation.

## **California Republicans Are Urging Trump To Support DACA**

By Sarah D. Wire

[Los Angeles Times](#), August 24, 2017

Reps. Jeff Denham and David Valadao joined four other Republicans Thursday to urge President Trump to leave in place deportation protections for some people who were brought to the country illegally as children.

Trump's mixed messages on whether he would continue the 5-year-old Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program has been a source of consternation since the Republican took office in January.

California is home to an estimated one-third of the 750,000 people who were granted work permits under the program. Republican attorneys general for Texas and nine other states have given the Trump administration an early September deadline to end the program or be sued.

In a letter to Trump, the representatives encouraged the president to focus on deporting criminals and to allow the program to continue until Congress can find a permanent legislative solution for the people who qualify for the program.

Denham of Turlock and Valadao of Hanford each represent agricultural districts in the Central Valley with large Latino populations, and each face potentially tough battles with Democrats in 2018.

"We have violent criminals preying on our communities, and our resources should be going toward their deportation instead of being directed toward the young men and women protected through DACA, who are working toward a better future," Denham said in a statement.

## **Trump Seriously Considering Ending DACA**

By Jonathan Swan

[Axios](#), August 24, 2017

A unit of the National Institutes of Health removed the title of "climate change" from its links and menus, replacing it with the word "climate," the Environmental Data & Governance Initiative Website Monitoring Report discovered. Other changes included:

The subheadline, "Health Impacts of Climate Change" was removed on a page about climate change and cancer.

Links to a fact sheet on "Climate Change and Human Health" were deleted.

Responses: Christine Flowers, the NIEHS director of communications, told the Chicago Tribune, "It's a minor

achieved their dream of living in our country without fear and contributing as fully recognized members of our society.

Today, close to 800,000 young people have been granted protection from deportation under DACA. Some 17,000 of them live in Washington State. These "Dreamers" are students, teachers, doctors, and small-business professionals who are working, studying and raising families.

They are people like Hortencia, a young woman I met at Skagit Valley College. She is working to earn a degree in business management and says she hopes to be an inspiration to her daughter and her community. These Dreamers are aspiring – and, yes, inspiring – young people who contribute to our country and our economy.

For years, my state of Washington tried to pass its own state Dream Act. Many Republicans weren't interested. But some thought differently after they met Dreamers and heard stories that revealed their courage, grit and determination. It is the same determination that built America and will help it continue to thrive.

It was then that these Republicans joined Democrats in doing the right thing. I hope that same spirit can work in Washington, D.C., like it did in our state capitol.

The stakes for Hortencia and other Dreamers are high. At this moment, a group of Republican attorneys general are threatening to sue President Donald Trump if he does not repeal DACA. They would like to strip these young people of their lawful resident status and their jobs.

This would put Dreamers at immediate risk of deportation and tear thousands of families apart. It would also hurt businesses in every state and cost the US economy \$460 billion over the next 10 years, according to a data analysis by the Center for American Progress. It's a senselessly cruel objective, driven by a hateful anti-immigrant agenda that is rejected by the vast majority of Americans.

Now is a moment for the President to show leadership and defend the DACA program against a legal challenge. But given the President's words and actions in recent months and days, I believe it will be up to Congress to choose empathy, sensibility and smart policy over hate, division and fear-mongering.

If President Trump will not protect Dreamers, Congress must immediately pass the bipartisan DREAM Act and provide permanent protection for these young Americans.

Such an move would be a welcome respite from the administration's breathtaking attacks on immigrants. In the past eight months the President has launched an unconstitutional travel ban on Muslims and refugees fleeing extreme violence, presided over a huge spike in the number of deportation orders, and is attempting to coerce officials in cities and states into releasing inappropriate information about undocumented residents to deportation officials.

These actions run contrary to the values our nation was founded on, but they also make us less safe, not more. By

forcing men, women and children into the shadows, we undermine the ability of law enforcement to work with communities to find and prosecute people who commit crimes.

This is a dramatic shift from just a few years ago when leaders from both parties recognized the need for comprehensive immigration reform. They had worked for almost a decade on meaningful legislation that, while imperfect, would have vastly improved our immigration policies.

Crucially, it would have extended permanent protections for Dreamers. Unfortunately, members of the Tea Party killed the effort in Congress, Republican senators abandoned the effort, and Trump's election campaign dumbed down the GOP's immigration policy platform to three words: build a wall.

Now America is facing an identity crisis, encouraged by nativist forces in our White House. In rhetoric and in deed, we are witnessing the mainstreaming of a hateful and discriminatory ideology I had hoped my children and grandchildren would never see.

While our nation rightfully expresses outrage over the Charlottesville tragedy and its fallout, we must not lose sight of the imminent threat to this crucial program that protects young immigrants.

As governor, I stood up against the travel ban, and as governor, I will fight in every way I can to keep these Dreamers here, at home. I hope Republicans in Congress and the administration will fight for Dreamers as well. Deportation is no more a solution to our immigration challenges than the President's nativist "build a wall" plan.

Federal lawmakers must act now to protect Dreamers. Staying on the sidelines is not an option. Strongly worded tweets are not enough. These are people pursuing incredible futures. Let's give them the chance they deserve.

## **OPINION | On Immigration, Mr. President, Pick A Fight — And Win It**

By Jenny Beth Martin

[The Hill](#), August 24, 2017

On Tuesday morning, McClatchy News reported that a group including former and current White House chiefs of staff Reince Priebus and John Kelly, and Ivanka Trump and her husband, Jared Kushner, are pushing the president to strike a deal with Congress "that offers Dreamers protection in exchange for legislation that pays for a border wall and more detention facilities, curbs legal immigration and implements E-Verify, an online system that allows business to check immigration status."

That's a bad deal for the president, and he should immediately direct his aides to stop their efforts.