



Latino Policy Coalition

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Latino Policy Coalition: Recent Executive Actions On Deportations – Needs To Include Family Reunifications

SACRAMENTO, CA – Today the Latino Policy Coalition (LPC) issued the following statement:

“Although the Latino Policy Coalition strongly supports the President's recent actions to temporarily suspend deportations of undocumented youth, the ongoing tragedy of American citizen children separated by the deportation of their undocumented parents remains unaddressed. LPC will continue to ask the President to do the right thing in regards to the thousands of children who have lost their undocumented parents to deportations.

“While the DREAM Act Executive Order means that 800,000 students will be able to emerge from the shadows and pursue a normal (albeit temporary) life in the U.S., over 5.5 million children living in the United States have at least one parent who is not documented.

“These children and their parents face a constant risk of separation. To date, over 46,000 children have been separated from their parents, and have been misappropriated by county foster care systems – and have even been placed up for adoption, because their deported parents are "absent." This intolerable situation cries out for an immediate remedy from the White House.

“The Latino Policy Coalition urges the President and Congress to not only enact the federal DREAM Act, but for the President to immediately order the creation of a national reunification registry of children and their locations, who have been removed and separated from their parents; so that a meaningful reunification process can begin.

“Until the President acts to end the separation of children from their immigrant parents, the United States will continue to be an active party that violates human rights accords recognized by international law,” concluded Jim Gonzalez, Chair of the Latino Policy Coalition.