US Senator Orrin Hatch

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Hatch Statement on Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA)

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SALT LAKE CITY– Senator Orrin Hatch (R-UT), the senior Republican in the United States Senate and the senior member and former Chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee, issued the following statement following reports that the President would be ending DACA:

I've urged the President not to rescind DACA, an action that would further complicate a system in serious need of a permanent, legislative solution. Like the President, I've long advocated for tougher enforcement of our existing immigration laws. But we also need a workable, permanent solution for individuals who entered our country unlawfully as children through no fault of their own and who have built their lives here. And that solution must come from Congress.

Over the coming months, I'll be working closely with my colleagues in Congress and with the administration to pass meaningful immigration reform that will secure our borders, provide a workable path forward for the Dreamer population, and ensure that employers have access to the highskilled workers they need to succeed in our technology-driven economy.

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