

Reichert Urges Protection of DACA Program

Calls on Speaker Ryan to take up legislation to address future of program

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Washington, DC - Congressman Dave Reichert (R-WA) made the following statement regarding his support for protecting the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program. This statement follows [a letter](#) he sent on Friday to Speaker Paul Ryan, urging the House take up legislation to address the future of the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program.

"Children who were brought here by no fault of their own see America as their country and their home," **said Rep. Reichert**. "They are our friends, neighbors, colleagues, spouses, and honored members of the military willing to sacrifice their life for our freedom. Punishing these individuals who have contributed so much to our communities and for a crime they did not commit is not in the American DNA. We are a caring, compassionate people and we in Congress must work toward a long-term immigration solution that is fair, respects the dignity of families, and allows all individuals to pursue the American dream."

Rep. Reichert has supported initiatives to protect the children who came to the United States by no fault of their own and know America as their home. Earlier this year, he cosponsored [the Bar Removal of Individuals who Dream and Grow our Economy \(BRIDGE\) Act](#), a bipartisan bill which allows individuals who meet the standards of the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program to remain in the United States without fear of deportation for a period of three years while Congress works toward a more permanent solution. In March, Rep. Reichert cosponsored a bill to provide that solution for these individuals - the [Recognizing America's Children \(RAC\) Act](#), which gives DACA participants a chance to earn a legal status. Additionally, he cosponsored the [Encourage New Legalized Immigrants to Start Training \(ENLIST\) Act](#), which allows undocumented immigrants who served in the Armed Forces to become lawful permanent residents and apply for citizenship.