



## SENATOR JOSÉ MENÉNDEZ DISTRICT 26

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### **Senator José Menéndez Denounces President Trump's Ending of DACA**

**San Antonio, Texas** – In the midst of a holiday weekend meant to honor the contributions of workers to the prosperity, growth and innovation of our nation, President Donald Trump has decided to end the Obama-era program that has allowed young immigrant workers known as Dreamers to contribute to this nation's economic success. The Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) has given hundreds of thousands of young people who were brought to this country by their parents the chance to work and apply for residency instead of facing deportation.

By taking away this protection from more than 100,000 DACA workers in Texas, our state stands to lose an estimated \$6.1 million in Gross Domestic Product, as reported by the Center for American Progress. Rescinding DACA is wrong for many reasons. It will punish good people for actions they had no control over, tear apart families, and will be damaging to the nation's economy through a devastating multibillion-dollar hit. Leaders from both political parties, including the Republican Speaker of the House Paul Ryan, have opposed the elimination of DACA. The president is expected to delay enacting this measure for six months, providing a window for Congress to act.

*The following quote is attributed to Senator José Menéndez:*

"This horrible decision by the Trump Administration will tear apart families, punish people for actions they had no control over, deliver an unnecessary blow to our economy and to the very character of our nation of immigrants. I call upon all Americans to reject this unjust decision by demanding that our lawmakers in Washington work together to protect these Dreamers who have done nothing wrong and in numerous ways have done so much good for this country."

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