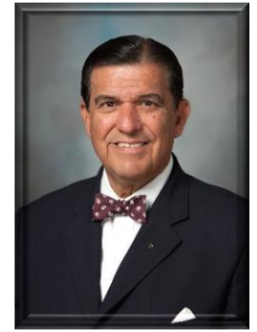




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Senator Lucio Issues Statement on U.S. Supreme Court DACA Ruling
Our nation's highest court rebukes the current Administration's attempt to end DACA

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AUSTIN, TX – Today, Senator Eddie Lucio, Jr., (D-Brownsville) issued the following statement regarding Thursday's U.S. Supreme Court ruling on the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program (DACA):

"Our nation's highest court rejected the current Administration's attempt to end young immigrants' protections from deportation. This is a wonderful win for DACA recipients and their loving families!" said Sen. Lucio.

In today's ruling, the U.S. Supreme Court declared that the 8-year-old program, which shields certain young immigrants from deportation, was inappropriately terminated by the Trump Administration. In effect, in its pro-immigrant ruling, the Supreme Court rejected the current Administration's present bid to end young immigrants' protections from deportation and their ability to lawfully work through DACA authorization in the United States.

"As we work to re-start our economy, today's Supreme Court ruling ensures that DACA recipients will not be left behind and will continue to be an integral part of this herculean effort! It is morally wrong to try to eliminate DACA, especially when so many recipients have been helping our communities in overcoming the current public health crisis by being first responders. Rather than threatening recipients with attempting to end their protective status, our federal government should support dreamers as productive, tax-paying members of our society!"

Sen. Lucio concluded by saying, **"For the more than 130,000 DACA recipients in Texas, this is a great pro-immigrant victory! Today's ruling illustrates why it is so important to have three-independent and separate branches of governments in ensuring progress and justice for every member of our society. I strongly urge Members of Congress to follow the lead of our nation's highest court and build on the temporary relief that has given by developing a bipartisan, permanent solution for all DACA recipients."**

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Senator Eddie Lucio, Jr. (D – Brownsville) represents Cameron, Hidalgo, Kenedy, Kleberg, and Willacy Counties. He is the Chairman of the Senate Committee on Intergovernmental Relations; Vice Chairman of the Senate Committee on Education; Member of the Senate Committees on State Affairs; Veteran Affairs & Border Security; and of the Select Committees on Redistricting; and, Texas Ports. He is member of the Sunset Advisory Commission and has been an ex-officio member of the DSHS Task Force of Border Public Health Officials since 2017. Elected in 1991, Lucio is third in seniority in the Texas Senate.