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AAPCHO Joins Rally to Demand ‘Clean’ DREAM Act, Urges Congressional Action to Ensure Immigrant Health and Safety

WASHINGTON – Today, the Association of Asian Pacific Community Health Organizations (AAPCHO) will join Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) community health providers and other immigrant advocates to rally in support of a “clean” DREAM Act—legislation to ensure a path to citizenship for undocumented young adults, without attaching it to other provisions that would further negatively impact the U.S. immigration system and put millions of immigrant youth and families at risk.

“As aspiring Americans, Dreamers deserve a path to citizenship that enables them to live healthy and stable lives, and keeps families together,” said Jeffrey Caballero, executive director of AAPCHO. “AAPCHO stands for the health and well-being of the communities we serve, and we ask Congress to support strong and safe communities where Dreamers can thrive by taking swift action to pass a clean DREAM Act.”

The rally is part of a two-day (November 15-16) national mobilization organized by the [AAPI Immigrant Rights Organizing Table](#). AAPCHO will be among more than 120 AAPI immigrant youth and leaders from across the country convening in Washington, D.C. to urge congressional targets to pass a clean DREAM Act before the end of the year. For more information about the convening and the AAPI Immigrant Rights Organizing Table, visit <http://aapidream.org>.

Earlier in September, the Trump administration announced the end of the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program, putting 800,000 DACA recipients including over 30,000 Asian Americans at risk for deportation. In response, AAPCHO joined other AAPI organizations to form the national AAPI Immigrant Rights Organizing Table to advocate for the swift passage of a clean DREAM Act and push back on harmful anti-immigrant policies.

AAPCHO continues to push the Trump administration and Congress to uphold the health and dignity of Asian American, Native Hawaiian, Pacific Islander and all communities, including advocating for [appropriate administrative priorities](#) and support for immigrant youth and families.

About AAPCHO

AAPCHO is a national association of community health organizations dedicated to promoting advocacy, collaboration and leadership that improves the health status and access of Asian Americans, Native Hawaiians and Pacific Islanders in the United States. For more information on AAPCHO, please visit www.aapcho.org.

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