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Presidents' Alliance on Higher Education and Immigration's Statement on Texas DACA Ruling

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Washington, D.C.— We were gratified to learn of District Judge Andrew Hanen's ruling today which means that DACA renewals will continue for now. This is important news for students, campuses, and communities across the country. We strongly encourage DACA recipients who are eligible to renew to do so. But, this relief should not be temporary.

As leaders of higher education institutions that collectively educate over 4 million students we can clearly state: DACA works. It has allowed those brought to this country at a young age and raised as Americans the opportunity to develop their full human potential and deploy it in ways that make our country and communities stronger. We see it on our campuses and among our students and alumni every day.

We call on the Administration to end its efforts to dismantle the DACA program, and we urge Congress to act now to protect Dreamers permanently -- without using them as bargaining chips or harming their families or other immigrant populations.

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The non-partisan **Presidents' Alliance on Higher Education and Immigration** brings together college and university leaders dedicated to increasing public understanding of how immigration policies and practices impact our students, campuses and communities, and supporting policies that create a welcoming environment for undocumented, immigrant, and international students. The Alliance is comprised of over 400 presidents and chancellors of public and private colleges and universities, representing over four million students in 41 states, D.C. and Puerto Rico.