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Fortune 500 companies launch ad urging Congress to act on relief for DACA recipients by year's end

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New York rally in support of the DACA program this past summer

A coalition of numerous Fortune 500 companies are again adding their voices to the urgent call demanding Congress act on permanent protections for young undocumented immigrants by the end of this year.

The popular and successful Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program **continues to be dismantled under GOP-pushed litigation**, and its outlook is grim. Apple, Microsoft, and Google are among the businesses that have now taken out a full-page ad in the *Wall Street Journal, Dallas Morning News*, and *Charlotte Observer* urging congressional leaders to act

before the current session ends. They write our economy will “face another crisis” if hundreds of thousands of program beneficiaries and their families lose critical protections.

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The companies and businesses **say** that since DACA's implementation by the Obama administration a decade ago, program beneficiaries "have built successful careers as teachers, small business owners, health care workers, and entrepreneurs across a host of industries. They are our friends, our neighbors, and our coworkers."

However, a ruling by a conservative appeals court **earlier this month** "puts all of these individuals, their families, a [illegible] ent will soon face the threat of losing their work authorization and protection from deportation, while our businesses face the threat of losing critical employees." The businesses and business leaders say an estimated 22,000 DACA recipients could lose their work permits every single month. Ultimately, DACA's end would result in half a million lost jobs and cost our economy nearly $12 billion, they said.

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"The worker shortage will get worse for the United States if hundreds of thousands of critical workers are stripped of their legal ability to support themselves and their families," they continue (**click here for a full list of signatories**). "That is the situation we currently face if this ruling becomes final, and it is the reason for our request today."

Two DACA recipients **also penned an urgent op-ed this week urging** lawmakers from both parties to come together to pass relief. While the U.S. House under Democratic leadership passed legislative relief for DACA recipients **as recently as last year**, at least ten Republicans are needed to pass relief in the U.S. Senate due to the Jim Crow filibuster. None, like Marco Rubio, have had the courage or decency to lead this effort **despite the majority of Americans across political parties favoring such legislation.** "Right now, Congress needs to cut a bi-partisan deal and pass immigration legislation in 2022, that means averting the weekly loss of 5,000 work authorizations from DACA recipients over the next two years should the program be terminated," Erika Andiola and Astrid Silva **write** in Univision.

"The 5th Circuit Court's ruling makes it clear that Congress cannot afford to ignore this issue any longer," the companies continued in their ad. "Bipartisan measures have already been introduced in the U.S. House and Senate. We urge you to swiftly pass legislation this year that will help Dreamers, American businesses, and our country."

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Many of these companies employ DACA recipients and have previously backed efforts supporting the program as its been steadily attacked by Republicans. When the previous administration rescinded the policy in 2017, **over 100 joined legal action against that administration.** In 2020, the Supreme Court **ruled** in a 5-4 decision that the administration unlawfully ended the program, with John Roberts joining the then-four liberal justices. That court is very different now.

"DACA is an already dead zombie program—the question now is will Congress actually pass something in lame duck, which could be the last chance before the horror that comes from nearly 700,000 DACA recipients' being forced from their jobs and subjected to deportation," FWD.us president Todd Schulte **told** NBC News.

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They should start by supporting candidates who support the Dacia program instead of those who will give them tax cuts.

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Exactly — they aren't really willing to poke the bear. This is still just a parlor game for them. The WDJ is not like going on FOX or FOX Business and telling Larry Kudlow and Maria Bartiromo to shove it.

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How nice, but I consider this lame PR. The same corporations which launched this ad are donating to the GOP, the same politicians who want to deport all Dreamers. Of course, the economy will suffer irreparable damage when these GOP politicians deport all these talented young people, but the CEO's of these companies will still get to keep their super-infalted salaries as working people suffer.

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Of course they did. The dirty little secret all along has been that fine line the GQP has had to walk between stoking xenophobia to gain political power over the racist maganuts and having cheap dependable labor, especially in the hospitality and agricultural industries. Their hypocrisy has no bounds.

Now we're at a tipping point. Hard working immigrants are needed even more as native born Americans eschew minimum wage jobs in droves. A lack of folks willing to work for slave wages threatens the oligarchy's windfall profits, and we can't have that.

They want to have their cake and eat it too.

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Big whoop. They are also funding, by the BILLIONS, extremely anti-immigrant members running for Congress. It's all just a PR stunt for them.

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The problem (for Republicans) is that the DACA demographic is far more productive and essential to the US economy than the sit-on-their-ass-watching-Fox-News demographic.

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Apparently "Fortune 500 Companies" haven't figured out yet that asking Republicans nicely for things never works. To get anything done, their revenue stream has to be credibly threatened. Promise to cut off their donations, and then actually do it to focus their attention. Otherwise, rich companies, they'll just keep blowing you off. Assuming, of course, you actually want them to do what you SAY you want them to do...

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> Apple, Microsoft, and Google are among the businesses that have now taken out a full-page ad in the *Wall Street Journal, Dallas Morning News*, and *Charlotte Observer* urging congressional leaders to act before the current session ends.

Meanwhile, I wonder what sort of candidates their PACs are funding? If they want a different outcome on DACA, maybe they should be supporting candidates who support the Dreamers with their PACs instead of just taking out useless newspaper ads.

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But they'll still donate to the Repubes who oppose it.

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... but still vote GOP, amirite?

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Here's a novel concept. Instead of taking out an ad in support of DACA why don't they take out an ad that they will no longer contribute to GQP candidates or PACs and encourage all other businesses affected to do the same. If they put their money where their mouths are and support Dem candidates that will support their business needs maybe something good will happen for everyone.

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Increasingly Latino voters are voting for Republicans. Republicans are now a 100% racist fear mongering white grievance Party, they must be voted out or immigration law will never change.

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