

1 **Resolution 1718 – AU – 001**
2 **A Resolution Regarding the Discontinuation of the Deferred Action for**
3 **Childhood Arrivals (DACA) Program.**

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6 WHEREAS The Council of Graduate Students (CGS) is the representative body of all students enrolled in graduate
7 programs at The Ohio State University (established by Article II.1 of the CGS Constitution);

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9 WHEREAS CGS represents The Ohio State University graduate student body at the national level (established by
10 Article II.4 of the CGS Constitution);

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12 WHEREAS CGS supports the university's motto: "Education for Citizenship" through its commitment to diversity
13 and inclusion;

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15 WHEREAS the DACA program began in June 2012 under the Obama administration¹, allowing individuals who
16 entered the U.S. as children without documentation, to benefit from deferred action from deportation for a
17 period of two years, as well as the ability to receive a work/school permit;

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19 WHEREAS there are approximately 800,000 beneficiaries of DACA, though a 2012 Pew Research Center estimated
20 that up to 1.7 million people may be eligible for the program²;

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22 WHEREAS on September 5, 2017, President Donald J. Trump announced that he was directing the Department of
23 Homeland Security to "begin an orderly transition and wind-down of DACA...³";

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25 WHEREAS President Trump has given Congress six months to find a legislative solution to the DACA program;

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27 WHEREAS The Ohio State University President Michael V. Drake issued a statement, on September 5, 2017,
28 declaring that the University supports our DACA students unequivocally, is committed to their continued
29 success, supports established programs to achieve their goals, and has reached out to elected officials⁴ to
30 advocate for a just resolution, which at a minimum will codify existing DACA policy into law;

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32 NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that we, the Council of Graduate Students, strongly condemn the actions
33 of the Trump Administration and oppose its actions to discontinue the DACA program;

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35 LET IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED that we, the Council of Graduate Students, stand in solidarity with all members
36 of The Ohio State University community regardless of their immigration status or nation of origin,

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38 LET IT BE FINALLY RESOLVED that we, the Council of Graduate Students, commend and echo President
39 Drake's calls for elected officials in Congress to take swift legislative action to, at a minimum, codify
40 existing DACA policy into law.
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¹ <https://www.dhs.gov/news/2012/06/15/secretary-napolitano-announces-deferred-action-process-young-people-who-are-low>

² <http://www.pewhispanic.org/2012/08/14/up-to-1-7-million-unauthorized-immigrant-youth-may-benefit-from-new-deportation-rules/>

³ <https://www.whitehouse.gov/the-press-office/2017/09/05/president-donald-j-trump-restores-responsibility-and-rule-law>

⁴ <https://president.osu.edu/presidents/drake/news-and-notes/2017/daca-email.html>