



Deportation fears keep young LI immigrants from seeking help

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Sergio Gonzalez, 19, has lived in the quad-city area with his family for about 12 years.

Whether we address it or not, this change in DACA shows the present-day institutionalized racism in the United States. We're all dreaming, chasing after love and objective.

The new agreement specifically includes bipartisan legislation called the DREAM Act, which paves the way for the young immigrants to gain USA citizenship upon meeting certain criteria.

Since then, Gonzalez has gone through the public school system locally, made friends, and built a life. "I was brought by my parents when I was one years old, so I know nothing about my home country of Mexico", said Jorge Hilarao, a DACA recipient.

This bill, along with the more conservative BRIDGE Act and the less conservative Recognizing America's Children Act, follow the standard immigration policy procedure of letting down undocumented youth.

"I fought for this", Bill Thorpe said. "I remember the bills were always tight". Only one man with Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals authorization had applied for renewal during the six-hour legal clinic.

He was able to start working a legally secure job to support himself and his family, obtain a driver's license, enroll in college and speak more openly about his predicament as someone who only knows a life in the US, but is uncertain about his future in this country.

Another objective of the march is to express opposition to plans to rescind the DACA program. Along with almost 800,000 other undocumented immigrants, Gonzalez is now at risk of losing his legal status currently provided through the DACA program.

So the plight of the nation's 800,000 Dreamers resonates even with people who have little patience or sympathy for others who come to this country without legal documentation. A MS organization is holding workshops to help undocumented immigrants renew their DACA permits.

Congress's decision has the potential to tear families apart. My almost 800,000 counterparts around the nation however, aren't so lucky. They are typically younger (average age 22), better educated and better paid than the typical immigrant (an average wage of \$17 per hour), according to an analysis by the Cato Institute, a right-leaning think tank.

In light of the current situation, the higher education institution is now reviewing and revising its policies to assure its campus remains safe for all students regardless of identity and background. "They are industrious. They are going to school, they're working... why break up families?" "We will not allow agents of the federal government nor local law enforcement on campus to enforce federal immigration laws without a lawfully issued warrant".

A grassroots organization called Prescott Indivisible has also risen up as an advocate for Dreamers. But they often want the help of an attorney. "They study, work, pay social security, and contribute to our economy". They know nothing of the place they were born so technically the USA is home for them.

On Sept. 5, 2017 Attorney General Jeff Sessions released a statement that the Trump administration will sunset DACA on March 5, 2018, citing constitutional and job security issues for Americans.

The scholarships for the renewal fees are being offered on a first-come, first-serve basis, the organization said.

Marchers say they hope the rally will also send a message to legislators and encourage them to back the cause. The group is sometimes referred to as Dreamers, after an earlier proposal to give them protected status. "Inactivity is really bad",