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## **The Public Pulse: DACA repeal will cost of billions**

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When President Donald Trump made the announcement that he will end the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program in six months, many hearts fell, and the fear of deportations rose.

Many of those with DACA status know no other home; this is where they were raised and educated and given a chance in life. The 3,300 Nebraskans protected by DACA face losing their jobs, their driver's licenses and their sense of community and belonging.

DACA was only meant to be temporary. Congress' inability to come up with a solution to the immigration problem made it necessary. But the Cato Institute reports that a repeal of DACA would cost the government \$60 billion in lost revenue and that the impact on economy would total \$215 billion in lost GDP.

Unfortunately, many argue that DACA recipients should be deported because they're getting "handouts" and can return to the country only after they go through the immigration process legally.

But the majority, if not all, of these "handouts" are not available to them because of their legal status.

With the way things are headed, I can't help but believe that the end of this bumpy road is nowhere to be seen.