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## President Trump, please heed your heart, head on dreamers

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On Thursday, Fox News reported that President Donald Trump was expected to end the Deferred Action for Child Arrivals (DACA) program, established by President Barack Obama to give some legal protections to nearly 800,000 immigrants who entered the country without permission as children and are on track to have productive, positive lives thanks to the program's two-year work and study permits. Soon after, the White House denied the report and said it had made no decision on the ultimatum from 10 states to end the program by Tuesday or face a challenge to its legality in federal court.

The president should follow the sentiment he showed earlier this year when he called these immigrants — colloquially known as “dreamers” — “incredible kids” and said he would consider their fate with a “big heart.” He should order Attorney General Jeff Sessions to defend Obama's executive order all the way to the Supreme Court while working with Congress to enact one of four existing proposals to provide some protections to DACA enrollees.

But even if Trump decides with his head instead of his heart, there's a strong case to let dreamers stay. Reports from both the conservative-libertarian Cato Institute and the liberal team of the Center for American Progress and FWD.us found that their deportation would harm the U.S. economy — because constructive people are good for America.