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Friends,

In keeping with its efforts to enforce our nation's immigration laws in a firm and sensible manner, the [U.S. Department of Homeland Security \(DHS\) announced today](#) that effective immediately, young people who were brought to the United States as young children, do not present a risk to national security or public safety, and meet several key criteria will be eligible to receive deferred action for a period of two years, subject to renewal, and will be considered for relief from removal from the country or from entering into removal proceedings. Those who demonstrate that they meet the criteria will be eligible to receive deferred action for a period of two years, subject to renewal, and will be eligible to apply for work authorization. To read the full press release, [click here](#).

"Our nation's immigration laws must be enforced in a firm and sensible manner, but they are not designed to be blindly enforced without consideration given to the individual circumstances in each case. Nor are they designed to remove productive young people to countries where they may not have lived or even speak the language. Discretion, which is used in so many other areas, is especially justified here," said Secretary Napolitano.

Immigration Update Call

The White House will be hosting an off-record call regarding this announcement this afternoon at 3:00 p.m. EDT. To join this call, please RSVP [here](#). The participant call in number is (800) 230-1074.

To learn more about today's DHS announcement, click [here](#).

Watch President Obama's Speech Live

1:15 p.m. EDT: The President will deliver remarks in the Rose Garden on the Department of Homeland Security's announcement.

We invite you to watch live by clicking [here](#).

Mari Carmen Aponte Confirmed by Senate as Ambassador to El Salvador

"Ambassador Mari Carmen Aponte has been a highly effective advocate for the United States in El Salvador, earning respect from across the political spectrum, from civilians and military leaders, and from public and private officials. As an honest broker, she has helped advance programs and policies to enhance citizen security in El Salvador while weakening

transnational crime links that affect our own national security. Ambassador Aponte has also been a strong voice for democratic governance throughout the region."

To read the entirety of the President's Statement, please [click here](#).

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