

Flake Statement on DACA

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PHOENIX – U.S. Sen. Jeff Flake (R-Ariz.) a member of the Senate Judiciary Committee, today released the following statement on the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program:

“It should be evident from the fear and confusion surrounding DACA that executive actions have a short-shelf life and are a poor substitute for permanent, bipartisan legislation to fix our broken immigration system. The ball is back in Congress’ court where it belongs, and there are a lot of innocent kids counting on Congress to do its job. Congress must act immediately to pass permanent, stand-alone legislation to lawfully ensure that children who were brought here by their parents, through no fault of their own, are able to stay and finish their education and continue to contribute to society.”

Flake is already a sponsor of the following legislative solutions for DACA recipients:

- **S. 1615, The DREAM Act** – legislation to establish an eight-year conditional status for those under the age of 17 and brought into the US within the past four years.
- **S. 128, The BRIDGE Act** – legislation that codifies the existing DACA regulatory program.
- **S. 127, The SAFE Act** – two-pronged legislation that codifies the existing DACA regulatory program and expedites deportation of criminal aliens convicted of serious and violent crimes.

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