



“Today, the Biden-Harris Administration took much needed action to fix our immigration system and keep American families together. The newly announced executive order includes a legal pathway for undocumented spouses and children of United States citizens who have lived and worked here for years but, due to lack of bipartisan support by Congress, face uncertainty and delays to permanent residency.

We urge our elected officials pass bipartisan legislation to ensure we have a robust immigration policy that grows our economy, protects America’s immigrants and secures our borders with a sensible humane approach.

There are presently millions of U.S. citizens who live in fear of losing their relatives to the country’s broken and outdated immigration system. These individuals are not only important to their loved ones but are also essential to the communities where they live and work.

The executive order also grants a pathway for the recipients of the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program, also known as Dreamers. Having arrived in the country as children, Dreamers are American in all but paperwork. As we celebrate the 12th anniversary of DACA today, we get more peace of mind that they will be able to remain in the U.S.

We are also reminded that the program is approaching its end. Dreamers create jobs, serve in our military, enroll in universities and pay taxes all while abiding by the law. We applaud the Biden-Harris Administration in helping DACA recipients pursue other routes to citizenship. This will only continue to benefit Latino businesses and the American economy.”

*–Ramiro A. Cavazos, USHCC President & CEO, statement on the June 18 Biden-Harris Administration executive order on immigration and DACA's 12th anniversary*