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ON JULY 16, 2021, Texas federal court Judge Hanen published his opinion on the DACA case, which challenged the legality of the DACA program.\* Judge Hanen's opinion is that DACA is not a lawful program, but for now will allow those with existing DACA to continue to renew. No initial applications will be granted at this time.

\*This was something the Supreme court did not rule on back in June 2020\*

### WHAT DOES THIS MEAN IF YOU CURRENTLY HAVE DACA?

**IF YOU CURRENTLY HAVE DACA**, If you currently have DACA, your status is still valid. Initials that are already granted and renewals will continue to be valid for now. Don't fall out of status. If your DACA expires soon, renew now!

## WHAT DOES THIS MEAN IF YOU HAVE AN APPLICATION IN THE MIDDLE OF PROCESSING A FIRST-TIME APPLICATION?

If you have a first-time initial DACA request at USCIS, Judge Hanen ruled that USCIS can no longer grant DACA to new applicants. If your request was pending at USCIS and NOT granted yet, then your filing will be frozen, meaning that it will not be processed until further notice.

### WHAT CAN WE DO NOW?

It's important that Congress pass permanent solutions for people with DACA, without DACA, TPS holders, farmworkers, essential workers and our family members.

If you're a DACA recipient, know that you are valid regardless of what the courts say. Check in on your DACA friends today.

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