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Urge Congress to Pass the Dream Act

On September 5, 2017, the administration [formally announced](#) it would end the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrival (DACA) program. The decision to play political football with the lives of 800,000 current DACA holders is a heartless one, directly contrary to President Trump's comment that he would treat DREAMers 'with heart.' The Department of Homeland Security will continue to process DACA renewals if the recipient's status expires before/on March 5, 2018, and the renewal application is filed by October 5, 2017. The fate of DACA and the DREAMers now lies squarely in the hands of Congress.

As a result, HACU released [a statement](#) and urged all of its membership to request that Congress pass the Dream Act quickly. To date, over 1,300 letters have been sent to Congress via HACU's Advocacy Center, and we need to continue to engage with Congress until the Dream Act is passed. If you have not done so already, please contact your members of Congress by [clicking here](#), and we encourage you to share with your colleagues and networks. **Let's keep the momentum going!**

FY2018 Federal Budget & Appropriations

Congress has [approved a short-term funding bill](#) (Continuing Resolution) to fund the federal government at current FY2017 levels, and a debt limit suspension - both of which will expire on December 8, 2017. In addition to the 3 month funding bill and the debt limit suspension, \$15.25 billion for Hurricane Harvey was also included.

HSIs related programs were level funded from FY 2017 to the first three months of FY 2018:

- Title V-Part A: \$107.8 M
- Title V-Part B: \$9.7 M
- Title III-Part F: \$93.1 M
- USDA: \$9.2 million

Congressional HSI Caucus

To date, HACU and its members have recruited 22 members to the Congressional Hispanic-Serving Institutions (HSI) Caucus. The HSI Caucus is an important tool and a way to engage with Members of Congress and their staff in meaningful way about the importance and value of HSIs. Please contact your Member of Congress to join the Caucus by [clicking here](#), and you can view the latest membership list by visiting the Congressional HSI Caucus [issue page](#).

National Hispanic-Serving Institutions Week: Sept. 18-22

This year National Hispanic-Serving Institutions (HSIs) week will be observed from September, 18-22, 2017. The observance takes place during National Hispanic Heritage Month.

For a list of suggestions of how campuses can celebrate the contributions of HSIs: [click here](#). Share your institution's plans to celebrate National HSIs Week with HACU. You can submit your event via email to [HACU](#) or via social media: [@HACUNews](#) or [Facebook](#). We encourage you to use the hashtags: #HSIWeek #HSIs

Forward this Washington Update to a colleague or friend. Encourage them to [sign-up](#) and join the [Advocacy Center](#) to lend their voice of support for HSIs and Latino students.