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Texas Association of Chicanos in Higher Education (TACHE) Response to DACA Announcement, Urges everyone to reach out to your elected officials.

Canyon, TX – September 6, 2017 - Yesterday another disaster ripped through Texas but unlike Hurricane Harvey it traveled all over the United States devastating every community in its path. The news of DACA being phased out was a blow dealt from top leadership but delivered from the mouth of someone Mrs. Coretta Scott King warned would “irreparably damage the work” of her husband, Dr. Martin Luther King.

The Attorney General delivered the DACA news and said “Societies where the rule of law is subject to political whims and personal biases tend to become societies afflicted by corruption, poverty, and human suffering.” This would have been an appropriate quote to use last week when a presidential pardon was granted to an Arizona sheriff that the Justice Department concluded had willfully engaged in systemic racial profiling of Latinos. This sheriff was also convicted of criminal contempt of court this year. Instead, the quote was used to describe 800,000 youth who did not willfully break any law when they were brought to this country as children and who are already contributing to the country they call home. Not only do these young people believe in the “American Dream” but they also believed politicians who promised them that DACA would provide protection and a chance to use the education and college credentials that they are earning. Today that promise was broken by someone who claims to be concerned with keeping campaign promises. It is now up to Congress to do the right thing and pass legislation that will allow Dreamers to continue to strengthen this nation with their talent and abilities.

The Texas Association of Chicanos in Higher Education commends the many chancellors, college presidents and civic leaders who have spoken out on behalf of Dreamers. We must continue to speak out. It is now time for all of us to be vocal with our elected officials and implore them to do the right thing for our students, our colleagues, our neighbors and our future. Yes, Harvey did a lot of horrific damage but it did not destroy us. Instead, it united us in a way that has inspired this country. It reminded us that we can and we must come together and help our neighbor no matter our background. This decision will not divide us. It will unite all of us who understand the yearning to pursue the American Dream. In that sense, we are all Dreamers. Adelante!

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