APSA Statement on President Trump’s Decision to End the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) Program

The American Political Science Association (APSA) expresses strong concern about President Donald Trump’s decision to set an expiration date on the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program.

The Association is very concerned about the potential detrimental impact that the decision to end DACA would have on the free exchange of ideas and the promotion of research, teaching, and intellectual engagement on college campuses and other research settings from which we all benefit. DACA has provided important protection from deportation and work authorization to undocumented individuals who came to the United States as children, allowing DACA recipients to participate fully in campus life and contribute to the advancement of intellectual ideas and the growth of the next generation of scholars. We are hopeful that common ground can be found on legislation that will permit those protected by the DACA program to stay in the United States and continue to contribute to American life.

The American Political Science Association is a scholarly association with over 13,000 members worldwide. APSA brings together political scientists from all fields of inquiry, regions, and occupational endeavors within and outside academe to deepen our understanding of politics, democracy, and citizenship throughout the world.

The Association has provided a set of resources to support students and faculty affected by the decision to end DACA. Visit this link for more information.

Kathleen Thelen, President
David Lake, Past-President
Rogers Smith, President-Elect
Steven Rathgeb Smith, Executive Director