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Houston GLBT Political Caucus Statement on Supreme Court Ruling in Favor of DACA

The Supreme Court has granted yet another win for the LGBTQ+ community today with the decision to block the Trump administration from ending the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program.

Since its establishment in 2012, DACA has provide a pathway for undocumented youth in the United States to remain in their communities without fear of deportation. As same-sex acts are still criminalized in more than 68 countries, this program has been a lifeline for undocumented, LGBTQ+ youth who, if deported, would face numerous hardships in their home countries including isolation, economic insecurity, discrimination, persecution, detention, violence, and even death.

While the decision sends a clear message that the Trump administration unlawfully rescinded the program in 2017, the Supreme Court ruling does not prohibit this or future administrations from ending the program. Therefore, we must remain vigilant and determined to elect pro-equality candidates this November who would both seek to continue the program and provide a pathway to citizenship for Dreamers.

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The Houston GLBT Political Caucus is the South's oldest, civil rights organization dedicated solely to the advancement of gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender equality. Founded in 1975, it is the largest GLBT political organization in the city of Houston and Harris County.