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Business Roundtable Statement on DACA Program

Washington - Business Roundtable today released the following statement in opposition to the Trump Administration's winding down of the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program without a legislative solution in place:

“America is and always has been a country of immigrants. We should do everything in our power to continue to attract the best and brightest because they make us stronger as a people and as an economy. And, when people come here to learn, work hard and give back to their communities, we should allow them to stay in the United States,” said Jamie Dimon, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of JPMorgan Chase & Co. and Chairman of Business Roundtable.

Business Roundtable President & CEO Joshua Bolten said, “Business Roundtable strongly opposes a termination of DACA without a viable replacement in place. We urge Congress and the President to work together to enact a legislative solution before this deadline expires. Failure to act would have a significant negative impact on businesses that rely on employees who are here and working lawfully. Business leaders count on those employees to contribute to our enterprises, generate economic growth and create more jobs for Americans. The challenge in finding a solution for those covered temporarily by the


DACA program is further evidence of the importance of working together to improve our system.”

Bolten added, “America’s immigration system is broken. Business Roundtable supports solutions that better secure U.S. borders, provide consistent enforcement of laws and encourage immigrants to come to the United States legally, work hard and contribute to America. Congressional leaders should develop a legislative solution that ensures our system is secure and fair, while also meeting America’s economic needs.”

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