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AMAZING THINGS THAT HAPPENED DURING THE DEFEND DREAMERS WEEK OF ACTION

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The Trump administration on September 5 announced it will kill the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program. The decision means over 800,000 young undocumented immigrants (aka Dreamers) could be deported, forced back to a country they don't even remember and where they might not even speak the language.

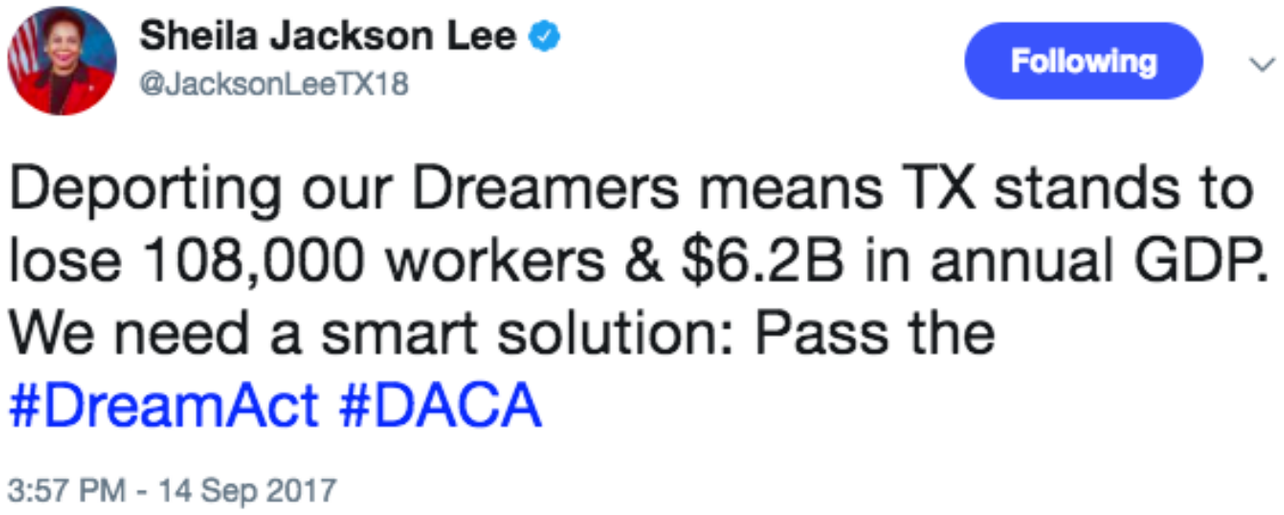
When DoSomething members like you heard the news, over 80,000 signed up for a Week of Action to Defend Dreamers. **Here are 5 incredible, inspiring things you did to support Dreamers in the DoSomething community, in your hometown, and all across the country.**

DOSOMETHING MEMBERS FROM ALL 50 STATES (AND DC!) CALLED THEIR REPS ABOUT THE DREAM ACT.

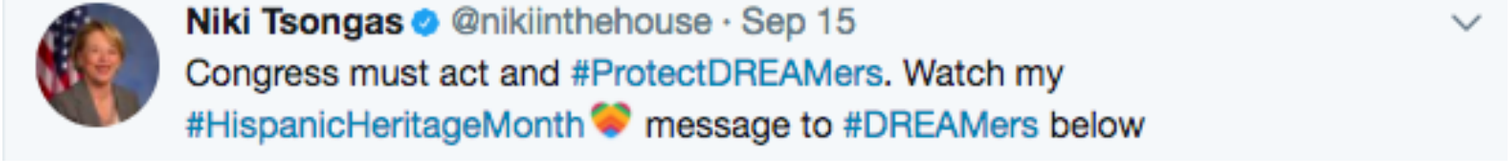
In just one week, DoSomething members made **6,000 (!!!) calls to their Senators and House Reps**, urging them to pass the DREAM Act, which would give Dreamers a path to citizenship.

AND...elected officials responded! That week, the reps who received the most calls from DoSomething members all tweeted their support of the DREAM Act!

SHELIA JACKSON LEE (TEXAS, DISTRICT 18): 125 CALLS



NICOLA TSONGAS (MASSACHUSETTS, DISTRICT 3): 124 CALLS



LUCILLE ROYBAL-ALLARD (CALIFORNIA, DISTRICT 40): 112 CALLS

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MEMBERS PLASTERED THEIR COMMUNITIES WITH "*DREAMERS ARE WELCOME HERE*" SIGNS.

It sent a visual and powerful message that Dreamers deserve to feel safe and supported in our communities.

DREAMERS
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If you want to take action to protect Dreamers, text DACA to 38383

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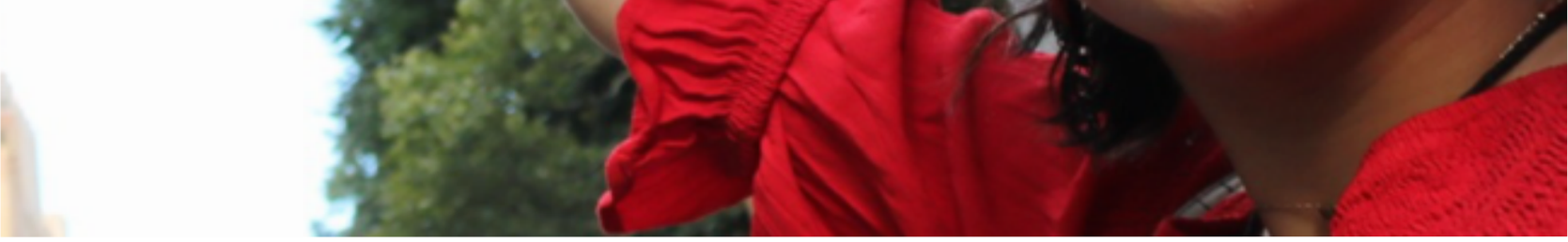

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MEMBERS TOOK OVER INSTAGRAM WITH #TBT PHOTOS OF THEMSELVES AT 6 YEARS OLD, THE AVERAGE AGE DREAMERS ARRIVED IN THE US.

It wasn't just cute -- it was important. Members included a caption about why they defend Dreamers and challenged friends to post their photos too.

137 likes

steph.tree #tbt To when I was 6, the average age a Dreamer arrives in the U.S. This is about children being able to attain their hopes and dreams in the only place they've called home. Post your own photo and text DREAM to 38383 for more info from DoSomething on ways you can help #defenddaca ❤️

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DOSOMETHING

COMMUNITY MEMBERS SPOKE OUT TO SUPPORT EACH OTHER.

Many DoSomething members are also Dreamers and DACA recipients with stories to share:

"I AM AN AMERICAN, THROUGH AND THROUGH. I WAS RAISED HERE, I LIVE HERE, I STUDY HERE, I WORK HERE."

- DREAMER SINCE AGE 1

"I DO NOT WANT TO HAVE TO LIVE IN FEAR OF BEING SENT BACK TO A PLACE I HAVEN'T BEEN TO IN 10+ YEARS."

- DREAMER SINCE AGE 4

"MY DREAM IS TO BE A PRE-K TEACHER WHO TEACHES HER STUDENTS THAT DESPITE THEIR DIFFERENCES IN RACE,

RELIGION, ETHNIC, ETC. THEY ARE ALL HUMAN AND SHOULD RESPECT EACH OTHER NO MATTER WHAT."

- DREAMER SINCE AGE 1

Upon hearing their stories, other members responded with words of encouragement and support. Here are a few messages:

"YOU ARE MORE THAN JUST DACA AND YOU HAVE EVERY RIGHT TO BE HERE AND LIVE OUT THE AMERICAN DREAM

JUST AS MUCH AS EVERYONE ELSE IN AMERICA. I STAND BY YOU."

"YOU GREW UP HERE, YOU CONTRIBUTE TO SOCIETY AND YOU ARE PART OF THE BEAUTIFUL MELTING POT WE CALL AMERICA."

"YOU ARE NOT ALONE AND

HAVE PEOPLE WHO WILL FIGHT WITH YOU AND FOR YOU. YOU ARE LOVED!”

DOSOMETHING MEMBERS WON’T STOP HERE.

Members made incredible impact is just one week, and there’s more to be done. Over the next several months, we’ll provide news ways for young people to protect Dreamers in their community and around the country. **Want to build the movement? Tell friends to text DREAM to 38383.**