

# The Student Senate

Texas A&M University

S.R. 72-39

Texas A&M University  
The Student Senate  
72nd Session

## Support for the Texas A&M Undocumented Community Resolution

*"A resolution to support and acknowledge the undocumented community that may be affected by the recent political developments."*

Action Taken:

PASSED

Certified By:

*Eric Mendoza*

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Speaker of the Senate

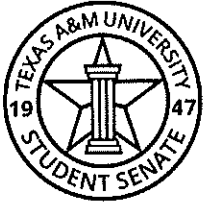
Date Passed: 2/5/2020

**Introduced By:** John Ryan Rodriguez, Legislative Relations Chair, College of Agriculture and Life Sciences Caucus  
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**Sponsored By:** Clarissa Rodriguez, Diversity and Inclusion Chair, Engineering Caucus  
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**Whereas(1):** The Texas A&M Student Senate recognizes the challenges that immigrant, undocumented, and DACA recipient students may face in comparison to students who are U.S. Citizens or hold a student visa; and,

**Whereas(2):** The status of the DACA program is currently dependent on the outcome of the case, the Department of Homeland Security v. Regents of the University of California, in which the Supreme Court is reviewing the constitutionality of the Department of Homeland Security's move to end the program; and,



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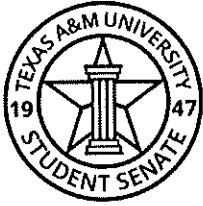
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- Whereas(3):** As a result of this hearing young people across the nation exercised their first amendment right of expression and rallied; namely Austin, TX and Washington D.C. where Aggies came together to stand with the undocumented community; and,
- Whereas(4):** The Texas A&M Student Senate Legislative Relations committee among other senate members had the opportunity to hear personal stories and experiences from members and supporters of the undocumented community on Texas A&M University's campus; and,
- Whereas(5):** There are students within the Texas A&M University System who are concerned about their citizenship/residential status within the United States, and fear that recent and potential changes to the United States's policy towards immigration may require them to abandon their scholastic endeavors at Texas A&M University and its sister institutions; and,
- Whereas(6):** For generations, Texas A&M University has fostered and advocated for an academic community that respects all Aggies in accordance to the University's core values; and,
- Whereas(7):** Though it has been the intention of the university to provide such an environment for every student that comes to Texas A&M University, there is more work to be done; and,
- Whereas(8):** The Texas A&M University Student Senate believes that an education is a universal right that belongs to everyone, regardless of labels given by governing states and/or societal bodies.

**Therefore**

**Let it be**

- Resolved(1):** As long as people desire to learn, regardless of their citizenship or residential status in the United States, Texas A&M University shall strive to be the standard institution that supports its students through its actions, regardless of their residential/citizenship status in this country; and,



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**Resolved(2):** The Texas A&M Student Senate categorically rejects and condemns any abusive behavior and language towards students regardless of their immigration status; and;

Let it be

Further

**Resolved(3):** Texas A&M Student Senate acknowledges and supports every former and current Texas A&M student regardless of immigration status, and acknowledges that thousands of future Aggies will be affected by this issue; and,

Let it be

Further

**Resolved(4):** Texas A&M Student Senate recognizes the recent national developments revolving around the Supreme Court case on DACA may have negatively affected students and implores students affected to reach out to university staff including, but not limited to: Counseling and Psychological Services (CAPS.tamu.edu), Helpline-Division of Student Affairs (979-845-2700), Office of the Dean of Student Life, Resident Advisors, Academic Advisors, or Peer Mentors; and,

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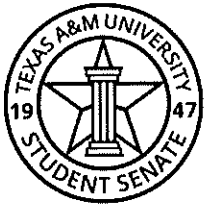
Further

**Resolved(5):** The Texas A&M University Student Senate encourages all current students that are undocumented or DACA recipients to reach out to the numerous resources provided to them on campus, such as counseling services, career services, legal resources, scholarship and financial aid, the department of multicultural services, the Council for Minority Student Affairs and more; and,

Let it be

Further

**Resolved(6):** Texas A&M Student Senate does not advocate for a specific policy position, but recognizes that to fully address this issue, we urge the United States Congress to pass legislation that addresses these legal issues that may impact an individual's immigration status for all future, present, and former Aggies; and,



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**Resolved(7):** A copy of this resolution be sent to:

John Sharp, *Chancellor of Texas A&M University*

Michael K. Young, *President of Texas A&M University*

Dr. Daniel J. Pugh Sr., *Vice President of Student Affairs*

Michael O'Quinn, *Vice President of Governmental Relations*

Edgar Rivera, *Council for Minority Student Affairs President*

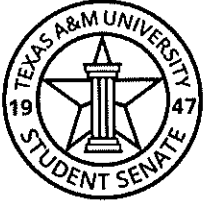
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John Cornyn, *United States Senator for Texas*

Ted Cruz, *United States Senator for Texas*

Congresswoman Nancy Pelosi, *12th Congressional District of California,  
Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives*

Gregory Abbott, *Governor of Texas*



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