

I, Armando Vazquez-Ramos, hereby declare as follows:

1. I am over the age of 18, and I have personal knowledge about the matters stated herein, and if called as a witness, I could and would testify competently thereto.

2. I am the Founder and Coordinator of the California-Mexico Project at California State University Long Beach (CSULB), and President & CEO of the California-Mexico Studies Center, Inc. (CMSC).

3. The California-Mexico Studies Center is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, whose mission is to research, develop, promote, and establish policies and programs between higher educational institutions and cultural organizations that will enhance the teaching, mobility and exchange of faculty, students, and professionals between California and the U.S. with Mexico, and other nations in the Western Hemisphere. The CMSC was founded by California State University Long Beach Professor Armando Vazquez-Ramos in 2010, as an extension of the California-Mexico Project that he has led since 1998 at the CSULB Chicano and Latino Studies department.

4. Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) allows qualified young adults to apply for temporary protected status and receive renewable two-year work permits and temporary relief from deportation. DACA is a life-changing opportunity for young immigrants, which allows them to be able to attend colleges and universities, legally work with a social security number, pay taxes, obtain a driver's license, secure health insurance, open bank accounts and businesses, and provide sustenance for their families.

5. DACA allows participants to travel outside of the U.S. for educational, humanitarian and employment purposes, and to re-enter the U.S. legally if granted Advance Parole authorization.

6. In 2014, the CMSC established the California-Mexico Dreamers Study Abroad Program and was among the first organizations to provide DACA-protected young adults with the opportunity to participate in a travel-study experience that allowed them to conduct ethnographic research on their family origins and migration, through college credit courses offered by CSULB and Mexico's graduate school El Colegio de la Frontera Norte.

7. Since 2014, Professor Armando Vazquez-Ramos has led 6 travel-study classes that have allowed over 160 DACA participants the opportunity to study abroad, and reconnect with their families, conduct research and return to their birthplace to learn as adults about their cultural origins and identity.

8. On September 5, 2017, the U.S. Attorney General announced the termination of DACA effective March 5, 2018, but the Homeland Security Administration (HSA) immediately cancelled the processing of I-131 Applications for Advance Parole filed prior to September 5, 2017, and during the 6-month grace period granted before the termination of DACA on March 5, 2018.

9. The CMSC's California-Mexico Dreamers Study Abroad Program had filed 72 Applications for Advance Parole prior to September 5, 2017 and professor Armando Vazquez-Ramos, in his capacity as CMSC President & CEO, formally appealed to the California Attorney General and University of California President to seek injunctive relief through their respective lawsuits on September 17, 2017.

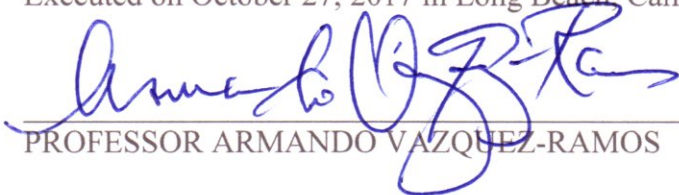
10. The termination of DACA by the Trump administration and the retroactive suspension of DACA's Advance Parole provision, has jeopardized the CMSC's Winter 2017 California-Mexico Dreamers Study Abroad Program (scheduled for December 22, 2017 to January 14, 2018), and arbitrarily has denied without due process the inherent Advance Parole benefits to the 72 participants in the program, and possibly hundreds more that had applied for Advance Parole approval prior to September 5, 2017.

11. Thus, an injunction could prevent the hardship and emotional suffering caused upon this group of Dreamers that complied with all the Advance Parole requirements established under DACA, and who represent a constituency directly affected by the discriminatory, punitive and prejudiced action of the federal government.

12. This declaration supports the California Attorney General's petition for a preliminary injunction, due to prejudiced and discriminatory actions by the U.S. Homeland Security Administration against DACA-protected immigrants, and the denial of due process protection guaranteed by the 5<sup>th</sup> Amendments of the U.S. Constitution.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed on October 27, 2017 in Long Beach, California.

  
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PROFESSOR ARMANDO VAZQUEZ-RAMOS