



## **HOUSE RESOLUTION 18-1004**

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**CONCERNING RECOGNITION OF THE URGENT AND IMMEDIATE NEED FOR CONGRESS TO PASS A PERMANENT LEGISLATIVE SOLUTION THAT SUPPORTS POLICIES AND AN IMMIGRATION SYSTEM THAT WILL POSITIVELY IMPACT DREAMERS.**

WHEREAS, Dreamers, after the federal "DREAM Act", play a vital role in our national, state, and local economies; and

WHEREAS, In the United States, there are 800,000 Dreamers, with over 95% who are either working or in school, contributing to our communities and economy; and

WHEREAS, There are 17,300 Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) recipients in Colorado who came to the United States as children, and their futures have been at risk since DACA was rescinded in September 2017; and

WHEREAS, According to several surveys, the majority of the American public overwhelmingly supports giving Dreamers the chance to stay permanently in this country; and

WHEREAS, Colorado risks an annual GDP loss of \$856.9 million if Dreamers are no longer guaranteed the right to work and study in the state; and

WHEREAS, The Colorado House of Representatives believes that tax dollars should be used efficiently on sensible border security and not on deporting Dreamers who have been living peacefully in our communities; and

WHEREAS, Families should be kept together because they are the basic unit of society and should not live in fear of being separated from their loved ones; and

WHEREAS, The Colorado House of Representatives supports an immigration system and policies that encourage opportunities and positively impact our economy and recognizes that Dreamers help to grow the economy; now, therefore,

*Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the Seventy-first General Assembly of the State of Colorado:*

(1) That members of the Colorado House of Representatives stand by the economic and cultural contributions that DACA recipients, as well as Dreamers who were left out of the program, have made for the people of Colorado;

(2) That members of the Colorado House of Representatives recognize that the possibility of Dreamers losing their work authorization and deportation protections would have devastating and far-reaching job-loss consequences for all Americans; and

(3) That members of the Colorado House of Representatives urge Colorado's congressional delegation to support efforts to immediately find a collaborative and rational approach to passing a permanent legislative solution that allows Dreamers to secure legal status.

*Be It Further Resolved,* That copies of this Resolution be sent to Colorado's congressional delegation.

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