

How We Got Here

- 6/29/17**

TX AG Ken Paxton Leads Republican Attorneys General in Lawsuit Threat, Demanding the Trump Administration End DACA.

10 Republican Attorneys General led by Ken Paxton threatened to amend their pending DAPA lawsuit to sue over DACA. [[NBC](#), 6/29/17]
- 7/10/17**

Former U.S. Attorney General Jeff Sessions Endorses Paxton's Attack on DACA.

In Fox interview, Sessions [endorses Paxton's attack on DACA](#): "I like that states and localities are holding the federal government to account and expecting us to do our responsibility to the state..." [[YouTube](#), 7/10/17]
- 9/5/17**

Sessions [Announces DACA Repeal](#), Says Move Will "Further Economically the Lives of Millions" of Americans.

President Trump tasked Sessions with announcing the program's rescission. In response to a [request of evidence](#) to support this claim, DoJ provided anti-immigrant group Center for Immigration Studies authored reports. [[Justice Department](#), 9/5/17; [Politifact](#), 9/5/17]

 - President Trump [says](#) on Twitter that he's giving Congress six months to make a deal and that Dreamers "have nothing to worry about." [[Politico](#), 9/7/17]
- 9/13/17**

President Trump Meets With Minority Leaders Nancy Pelosi and Chuck Schumer.

Leader Pelosi and Sen. Schumer [claim](#) that the President agreed to sign a bill legalizing DACA recipients without a border wall in return. White House denies this account. [[The Guardian](#), 9/4/17]
- 10/8/17**

The White House Releases Immigration Priorities Required For a DACA Deal.

The 11-page "framework" included a border wall, drastic reductions in legal immigration and harsh interior enforcement and asylum law changes. [[White House](#); [CNN](#), 10/9/17]
- 10/17**

Sessions Refuses to Deny Coordination W/ TX AG Ken Paxton on DACA Lawsuits, Paxton Confirms Their Offices Worked Together.

In a Senate hearing Sessions [refuses](#) to deny DoJ coordination with TX on ending DACA via lawsuit threats. Paxton [confirmed](#) the coordination a few weeks prior. [[The Hill](#), 10/18/17; [Politico](#), 10/5/17]
- 1/9/18**

With a Government Shutdown Looming, President Trump [Hosts a Bipartisan Televised Meeting at The Oval Office](#); Tells Members He Would "Like" to Pass a "Clean" DACA Bill.

President Trump: "Yeah, I would like to do that. I think a lot of people would like to see that." In another point in the meeting the President told the attendees he would be signing whatever they come up with: "I will be signing it. I'm not going to say, 'Oh, gee, I want this or I want that.' I will be signing it." After the cameras stopped rolling, DHS [reportedly](#) distributed an additional list of demands which the President told lawmakers to ignore. [[The Washington Post](#), 1/9/18]

1/9/18
First Injunction Issued Requiring the Federal Government to Allow Individuals to Submit DACA Renewals.

Judge William Alsup of the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of California issued a preliminary injunction requiring the federal government to maintain DACA and to allow individuals to submit renewals. Two federal courts in New York and Washington, D.C. issued similar orders affirming Judge Alsup's decision to continue accepting renewals. [[Vox](#), 1/10/18]

1/11/18
President Trump Rejected a DACA Deal Which Included Protections For Individuals From Certain TPS Nations, Calling Them “Shithole Countries,” And Called For More Immigrants From Countries Like Norway.

The President's comments took place during an in-person meeting with Sens. Graham and Durbin, as well as Majority Leader McCarthy, Chairman Goodlatte and The RAISE bill authors Sens. Cotton and Perdue. [[Vox](#), 1/4/19]

1/19/18
Minority Leader Schumer Visits the White House on The Last Day Before the Shut Down; Leaves Meeting Thinking He Has a Deal - \$25 Billion for a Border Wall in Exchange for a Path to Citizenship for Dreamers.

Kelly reportedly calls Schumer later that day to say the deal is off. The government shuts down over the weekend, with Democrats agreeing to vote yes on a funding bill in exchange for a promise from McConnell to debate immigration. [[CNN](#), 1/20/18]

1/25/18
The White House Releases “Four Pillars” Document Which Includes Demands for Any Deal on DACA.

The “Four Pillars” demands include drastic cuts to legal immigration. [[Vox](#), 1/25/18]

2/14/18
White House Derails Senate And House Efforts to Pass Permanent Protections for Dreamers.

Stephen Miller and other hardliners in the Trump Administration successfully derailed House and Senate efforts to pass a permanent solution for Dreamers. The Senate debated and voted on several amendments; all failed to pass. The most promising piece of legislation, a bipartisan compromise, was torpedoed by a White House veto threat and fear mongering propaganda which even evoked 9/11. [[CNN](#), 2/15/18]

- The plan, which included a massive \$25 billion for border security, gained the support of 8 Republican Senators and nearly all Democrats, but ultimately failed on a vote of 54 to 45. [[Senate.Gov](#), 2/15/18]
- A separate vote was also held on the hardline plan demanded by the President, that would have radically cut legal immigration, and failed with a paltry 39 votes in support. [[Senate.Gov](#), 2/15/18]

4/2/18
On Twitter President Trump Tweets That “DACA is Dead”

President Trump on Twitter: “DACA is dead because the Democrats didn’t care or act, and now everyone wants to get onto the DACA bandwagon... No longer works. Must build Wall and secure our borders with proper Border legislation. Democrats want No Borders, hence drugs and crime!” [[Twitter](#), 4/2/18]

5/1/18
TX and 6 Other States File Lawsuit In Judge Andrew Hanen's Court to End DACA, Seeking Nationwide Injunction Against Renewals.

In a press release announcing the action, Paxton defends the Trump Administration, blaming nationwide injunctions against the program's rescission which allowed renewals to continue. [TX AG, 5/2/18]

8/31/18
Judge Hanen Declines to Issue Nationwide Injunction on DACA, TX AG Ken Paxton Lauds Ruling Despite Interim Loss in Court.

In his decision Hanen found "that the States had delayed seeking this relief for years, that the balance of private interests fell in favor of the denial of the requested relief, and that implementing the relief at this point in time was contrary to the best interests of the public." **Paxton praised a portion of Hanen's decision that stated that the plaintiffs "have clearly shown" that DACA is likely unlawful:** "We're now very confident that DACA will soon meet the same fate as the Obama-era Deferred Action for Parents of Americans program, which the courts blocked after I led another state coalition challenging its constitutionality...Our lawsuit is vital to restoring the rule of law to our nation's immigration system." [CNN, 8/31/18]

10/17/18
DOJ Sends Letter to 9th District Court of Appeals Warning That if They Don't Rule on DACA They Would Again Petition the Supreme Court.

In a letter to the 9th Circuit DOJ attorney Mark Stern wrote: "We respectfully write to inform the Court that, in order to ensure review by the Supreme Court during its current Term, we intend to again petition the Supreme Court for a writ of certiorari before judgment to review the district court's preliminary injunction order and related orders in the event that this Court does not issue its judgment by Wednesday, October 31." [Raw Story, 10/17/18]

12/27/18
President Trump Blames Absence of DACA Deal on 9th Circuit Court of Appeals and Democrats.

President Trump: "The reason the DACA for Wall deal didn't get done was that a ridiculous court decision from the 9th Circuit allowed DACA to remain, thereby setting up a Supreme Court case. After ruling, Dems dropped deal - and that's where we are today, Democrat obstruction of the needed Wall." [Twitter, 12/27/18]

1/4/19
Amid Government Shutdown, President Trump Sends Letter to Members of Congress Demanding Border Wall and Harsh Revisions to Asylum Law.

On the same day he says he could keep parts of the government shut down for "months or even years," and separately that if SCOTUS overrules the Ninth Circuit it would allow for a quick deal "on DACA and other things." [White House, 1/4/19]

1/6/19
President Trump Yet Again Asserts That DACA Will be Before The Supreme Court "Very Soon," And That he Wants to Wait Until The Court Rules Before Making a Deal.

In response to a question from a reporter the President says he would like the Supreme Court to "rule first" before making a deal on DACA. [White House, 1/6/19]

1/10/19

During a Briefing in the Rio Grande Valley The President Declined to Commit to Making a Deal on DACA Until the “Supreme Court Rules Against the President Obama Decision.”

President Trump: “I was ready to help the DREAMers, and then we got a decision that the folks representing the DREAMers very strongly — which is us also, if you want to know the truth — but they said, “Well, we don’t have to do it anymore.” So now it’s before the Supreme Court. We’ll see what happens. And if the Supreme Court rules against the President Obama decision, which he knew would not hold up — we will have a deal with the DREAMers. We can do it early. But this has to be done soon so we get our folks paid in our country.” [[White House](#), 1/10/19]

1/11/19

SCOTUS Considers Government Certiorari Petition for “Review Before Judgment” in Pending DACA Cases.

The government filed a petition for a “writ of certiorari before judgment” in three pending DACA cases. The petition was considered at the Supreme Court’s January 11 conference. No decision was made, though the court will consider the matter again on January 18, 2019. [[Supreme Court.Gov](#)]

1/13/19

President Trump Falsely Accuses Democrats of Blocking a Deal on DACA.

After telling reporters for weeks that he wanted to wait until SCOTUS ruled on DACA before making a deal, the President accused Democrats of not wanting to include the program in talks on ending the government shutdown: “Democrats are saying that DACA is not worth it and don’t want to include in talks. Many Hispanics will be coming over to the Republican side, watch!” [[Twitter](#), 1/13/19]