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Supreme Court Refuses to Rehear President Obama's Actions on Immigration, DACA+ and DAPA

All Legal Venues Will Be Explored and Our Families Will Fight Back Until Justice Is Reached

ALBUQUERQUE, NM– Following the decision from the Supreme Court to deny a rehearing on the case concerning expanded DACA (DACA+) & DAPA– the executive actions by President, Obama that would bring relief from deportation to over 5 million families nationwide– El CENTRO de Igualdad y Derechos, an immigrants' rights and workers' rights organization with more than 3 thousand members in the city of Albuquerque, issued the following statement:

"We are outraged that the Supreme Court failed to step in and give clear guidance on what we know is a partisan attack on our immigrant families. Despite the fact that DACA+ and DAPA are legally sound, the conservative justices acted in a manner in line with conservative politicians. We don't have to look far in New Mexico-- our own Governor Susana Martinez has constantly targetted our immigrant families for her own political gain. Today's inaction by the Court sends the wrong message to those politicians that these types of attacks can continue. There is too much at stake for millions of families to permit a **non-decision** by a split court to stand.

"This battle is not over. We will not stop exploring all legal options until every member of our community can live in dignity, without fear of being separated from their families. We vow to continue pushing for a comprehensive immigration reform that will bring relief to the more than 11 million undocumented immigrants living and contributing in our country.

"That is why this year is extremely important for all eligible voters to get registered and vote in the November elections in representation of our families. The reason we are even in this situation is that politicians at all levels are playing politics with our families' lives and the U.S. Supreme Court. This year we have an opportunity to send a clear message that we will not stand by while this injustice continues."

- El CENTRO de Igualdad y Derechos

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*El CENTRO de Igualdad y Derechos is a grassroots, immigrants' rights and workers' justice organization based in Albuquerque, NM that works with Latino immigrant communities and allies to defend, strengthen, and advance the rights of our community.