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Students of Loyola Marymount University,

To our undocumented Lions, with today’s announcement of the rescinding of DACA (Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals) and the role that Congress should play to take legislative action, ASLMU would like to affirm the fact that you belong here. We acknowledge that this is not an economic, political, or social issue, rather, a human issue that will impact over 800,000 members of our nation.

Our Jesuit mission underlines the commitment to all people, regardless of national origin and documentation status. Students educated in these traditions are called to advocate for a more just world by standing with and fighting alongside those at the margins.

Furthermore, we would like to remind you of President Snyder’s statement from April 19th, 2017 and echoed in a message sent to the LMU community earlier today, which states that “we will protect the rights of our international and undocumented students to the fullest extent of the law, including the privacy of their information and records, and their ability to attend LMU without regard to immigration status.” The Student Affairs Dean’s office serves as a resource for not only undocumented students, but families, friends, allies and the entire LMU community.

With that being said, the Associated Students of Loyola Marymount University (ASLMU) pledge to:

- Promote education and engagement surrounding the topics of immigration and DACA.
- Work tirelessly with the appropriate members of the LMU community to ensure your protection on campus.
- Fight alongside you to defend your rights and the rights of DACA-mented folks across the nation.
- Advocate for an increase of campus-wide resources to support your spiritual, psychological, and emotional well-being.

To our entire community, this recent announcement is a call to action. Now more than ever we need understand and utilize our privilege to orchestrate the greater support of our DACA-mented students. ASLMU will host a demonstration of solidarity tomorrow, Wednesday, September 6th, 2017, at 2:00 pm on Regent’s Terrace. Visit ASLMU on [LEO](#) to learn more.

Finally, ASLMU encourages you to listen to your undocumented peers, educate yourself on these matters at hand, participate in public demonstrations, and communicate with your legislators and urge them to respond.

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