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Efforts by USCIS to Retrieve 3-Year DACA Cards Will Not Put Anyone in Danger of Deportation

*Justice for Immigrants Coalition Clears up Rumors Circulating Concerning
Deferred Action Work Permits Being Recalled*

Inland Empire, CA – The Justice for Immigrants Coalition of Inland Southern California has received numerous phone calls and messages over the last few days expressing fear and concern about the efforts by the USCIS to retrieve the DACA work permits with validity of more than two years. Rumors have reached the immigrant community that they could be in danger of losing their deferred action status or face deportation. The JFIC urges the community to keep informed and remain calm.

“We have been in contact with the USCIS and would like to emphasize to the immigrant community that no one will be deported because of these efforts,” says Emilio Amaya, member of the Coalition and executive director of San Bernardino Community Services Center Inc. “The best policy if you have a 3 year work permit is to simply return it and wait for a replacement.”

The work permits with three years of validity that are being recalled were issued after the injunction by Judge Hanen on February 16 of 2015 that blocked the extension of DACA and the proposed DAPA program, or remained after that date despite being issued before. These cards were issued by mistake and must be returned to the USCIS.

The JFIC states that those in possession of these cards can simply mail them to the address listed below (after making a photocopy of the front and back of the card), or they can take them directly to the nearest USCIS office or Application Support Center. If the card has been lost or stolen, the beneficiary must notify the USCIS of its loss. Once the card is returned, the USCIS will mail a replacement 2 year work authorization card with a few weeks.

If the holder does not return their three year card, the USCIS may contact them by phone or even send an agent to the holder’s home to retrieve the card in person. These agents are administrative workers, NOT agents of ICE. They carry identification and have no authority to arrest anyone or ask any questions other than those related to the work permit. The sole purpose of their visits is to retrieve the 3 year permits.

Those who do not cooperate in returning the invalid three year permits could lose their deferred action status, forcing them to repay the filing fee of \$465 and face the long wait for reapproval. However, these individuals will NOT be placed in deportation proceedings.

The mailing address to return the three year EADs is the following:

Texas Service Center
Attn: Emmanuel Eduful
8001 N. Stemmons Freeway
Dallas, Texas 75247

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