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Statement on 5th Circuit Court of Appeals Upholding DAPA Injunction

San Bernardino, CA – The 5th Circuit Court of Appeals sided with those that seek to block progress in fixing our broken immigration system. Millions of Californians will continue to live in uncertainty due to this politically driven lawsuit. The ruling to hold the injunction on Deferred Action for Parental Accountability (DAPA) and Expanded Deferred Action (DACA), in place sets back the nation and the states that would greatly benefit from immigrant contributions.

“It is complete denial to not recognize the economic contributions that immigrants bring to California’s economy. I can only imagine how much more this contribution would increase when DAPA and DACA are implemented and people are allowed to live without the fear of deportation. Let us keep in mind that for over one million persons in California this is a life-changing opportunity that will benefit all of us,” says, Hilda Cruz, from the Diocese of San Bernardino.

The JFI Coalition emphasizes that family unity and freedom from fear for all in the immigrant community is our priority. We know that DAPA and DACA will triumph in the courts and this ruling is just a setback; our community will soon receive the immigration relief that is long overdue.

“As a day laborer center, and the only worker center of its kind in the Inland Empire, the Pomona Economic Opportunity Center is deeply concerned about with this decision. Even though we are forced to wait for a further decision, we stress that our community, our families, our workers who gather at our center; they cannot wait. We will continue to fight for our immigrant brothers and sisters and our community,” says, Fernando Romero, Executive Director of Pomona Economic Opportunity Center.

The JFI coalition and its partners will maintain developing and fostering immigrant leadership and expanding our voting power. “We are very disappointed in today’s ruling, but we have not lost hope. Judgment day is soon approaching come November 2016-Election Day and our community will not forget,” says, Luz Maria Ayala TODEC's Executive Director.

The Justice for Immigrants Coalition of Inland Southern California consists of more than twenty groups from all sectors of the community. We are a pro-immigrant rights coalition advocating for a just and humane immigration reform and respect of immigrants.

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