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Urban Libraries Council Statement on Trump Administration's Announcement to End DACA

WASHINGTON – In response to the news that the Trump administration will end the Deferred Action on Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program, which protects undocumented immigrants brought to the country as children from deportation, Urban Libraries Council President and CEO Susan Benton issued the following statement:

"After a campaign filled with intentional mean and divisive rhetoric, President Trump said he would 'deal with Dreamers with heart.' There is nothing heartfelt about ending a program designed to give kids, most of whom have never known a home other than America, a shot at a prosperous life. We are a nation of immigrants. Immigrants have built our country since its founding and continue to do so to this day. We call on the Trump administration to reverse course. DACA is designed to keep innocent children out of the politics that surrounds the immigration debate. Let's do right by them."

About Urban Libraries Council

Urban Libraries Council (ULC), founded in 1971, is the voice for public libraries and the force that inspires them to evolve. ULC creates the tools, techniques, and ideas to make ongoing improvements and upgrades in services and technology. ULC also speaks loudly and clearly about the value public libraries bring to communities, and secures funding for research that results in the development of new programs and services. And by serving as a forum for library leadership, ULC produces innovative ideas and best practices that ensure community impact.

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