

**APPENDIX – STATEMENTS OF INTEREST  
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The **Academy on Violence and Abuse** is a national organization of health care professionals whose mission is to advance health education and research on the recognition, treatment, and prevention of the health effects of violence and abuse across the lifespan. AVA is dedicated to the research and advancement of trauma-informed care in its work. A global interprofessional association, AVA joins this brief as amicus curiae in recognition of the corrosive harm done to children by the threat and potential reality of DACA rescission.

**Advocates for Children of New Jersey (ACNJ)** is the independent, trusted voice for children in New Jersey. ACNJ's vision is that every child in New Jersey has the chance to grow up safe, healthy and educated, able to reach his or her full potential. This includes the estimated 16,830 DACA recipients brought to New Jersey as young children, and their 5,200 U.S. born children. ACNJ's mission is to advocate for better policies and programs for children on the local, state and national levels. ACNJ conducts research, collects and analyzes data and communicates effectively on the challenges facing NJ children in order to educate policymakers, empower stakeholders and engage the public to advocate on behalf of children. ACNJ supports upholding protections for DACA recipients and their children.

The **American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry (AACAP)** is a medical membership association established by child and

adolescent psychiatrists in 1953. Now over 9,500+ members strong, AACAP is the leading national medical association dedicated to treating and improving the quality of life for the estimated 7-15 million American youth under 18 years of age who are affected by emotional, behavioral, developmental and mental disorders. AACAP's members actively research, evaluate, diagnose, and treat psychiatric disorders, and pride themselves on giving direction to and responding quickly to new developments in addressing the health care needs of children and their families.

The **American Academy of Pediatrics, California** is a nonprofit association committed to promoting and protecting the health and well-being of children in California. The organization represents California pediatricians across practice settings and in training, with more than 5,000 members statewide. After medical school, pediatricians spend an additional three years exclusively acquiring knowledge about child health, including what is needed for children to develop fully and thrive. The separation of children and youth from their parents creates severe stress and trauma, disrupting that development and resulting in both immediate and long-term mental, behavioral and physical health consequences. With more than 188,000 DACA recipients and more than 72,600 US-born children with a DACA parent in California (over 50% more than the next closest state in numbers), it is core to our mission to provide pediatric expertise in support of the fundamental needs of these children and their parents.

The **American Nurses Association (ANA)** represents the interests of the nation's approximately 4 million registered nurses. ANA's membership consists of both individual members and organizational members, which include over 35 affiliate member specialty nursing organizations and 50 state or constituent nursing associations. Together, ANA and its members work to find solutions to issues that face the nursing profession, improve the nursing profession and improve healthcare for all. ANA believes that ethics, human rights, and nursing converge as a formidable instrument for social justice, and human rights must be diligently protected and promoted. ANA has unique interest and expertise in patient-centered and holistic health care, and joins this brief to support its advocacy for child and adolescent health.

The **Arizona Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics (AzAAP)** represents approximately 1,100 Arizona pediatricians and other child health specialists. The AzAAP is committed to improving the health and wellness of all Arizona children and we are joining this brief as amicus because of this commitment. If finalized, the proposed rule on eliminating DACA protection would directly and negatively affect the well-being of our patients who are DACA recipients and their US Citizen children. There are 24,700 DACA recipients and 12,200 US citizen children of DACA recipients residing in Arizona. These families live in fear of separation because of this proposed rule. These fears are causing toxic stress for their children that damages their physical and mental health. Thus, we strongly oppose rescinding DACA protection for these families.

**Warren Binford** is an internationally recognized children's rights scholar and advocate who has published over 60 academic articles, essays, book chapters, and op-eds and provided expertise and support to the UK's Independent Inquiry on Child Sex Abuse, Save the Children, the International Red Cross, the International Criminal Court, the Japan Red Cross, the Croatia Red Cross, and the Dutch National Rapporteur on Human Trafficking and Sexual Violence against Children, among many others. Professor Binford has served as a licensed foster parent, Court Appointed Special Advocate for abused and neglected children, and inner city teacher in South Central Los Angeles, Boston, and London. Professor Binford was both a Fulbright Scholar in 2012 and inaugural Fulbright Canada-Palix Foundation Distinguished Visiting Chair in Brain Science and Child and Family Health and Wellness in 2015.

The **Center for Youth Wellness** is a pediatric health care and advocacy organization dedicated to improving the health of children and adolescents exposed to early adversity and toxic stress by advancing public awareness of, medical research on, and treatment practices for Adverse Childhood Experiences, or ACEs. Founded by Dr. Nadine Burke Harris in 2012, CYW is a national leader in ACEs research and its translation into practice. CYW is highly qualified to comment on the potential toxic stress-related damage done to children of parents with DACA protection by the threat and reality of DACA rescission.

**Dr. Priscilla Chan**, Co-Founder and Board Chair of The Primary School, is a pediatrician and an

education entrepreneur. In particular, she is interested in integrating her work in health and education through designing and implementing interventions addressing adverse childhood experiences. Prior to entering medical school, she ran an afterschool program in Boston and taught 4th and 5th grade science at the Harker School. Priscilla earned her BA in Biology with Spanish Citation at Harvard University and her MD at University of California, San Francisco (UCSF). She also completed her pediatrics training in the UCSF/PLUS Pediatrics Residency. Priscilla is also the co-founder of the Chan Zuckerberg Initiative.

**The Child Welfare League of America (CWLA)** is a coalition of hundreds of private and public agencies that, since 1920, has worked to serve children and families. Our expertise, leadership and innovation on policies, programs, and practices help improve the lives of millions of children across the country. Our focus is children and youth who may have experienced abuse, neglect, family disruption, or a range of other factors that jeopardize their safety, permanence, or well-being. CWLA's National Blueprint for Excellence encourages communities to identify and remove systematic barriers to participation and access to appropriate services and supports and the repeal of DACA will harm countless families and children running counter to our practices and standards.

**Children Now** is a nonpartisan whole-child research, policy development, communications, and advocacy organization working on all key kids' issues, and is dedicated to promoting children's health, education and well-being in California. We support

upholding protections for DACA recipients and their children because California is home to over 25% of the nation's nearly 700,000 DACA recipients, and over 72,000 kids in our state are children of DACA recipients. When a parent loses DACA protections, they also lose their ability to work, support their families, and contribute fully to their communities; but most importantly, they become vulnerable to detention or deportation that could separate them from their children. Children whose parents are deported face hardships that are associated with reduced school achievement, greater difficulty maintaining relationships, and lower earnings as adults. When parents are no longer afraid of being detained or deported, children can thrive.

**Children's Action Alliance (CAA)** is an independent voice for Arizona children at the state capitol and in the community. CAA works toward a future in which all children have health insurance, no child is raised in poverty and hunger, every child enters school ready to learn and succeed, no child endures the ravages of abuse and neglect, every child has a place to call home, and struggling teens have the support they need to become responsible adults. Arriving as children, an estimated 24,700 DACA recipients live in Arizona. They have deep-rooted ties to Arizona communities, and are students, parents, employees, employers, neighbors and friends. For the health, safety and security of Arizona's children and their families, CAA urges the court to uphold the DACA injunction.

The **Children's Defense Fund** is a national non-profit child advocacy organization that has its

headquarters in Washington, DC and six state offices—including California and Texas, where nearly half of all Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) recipients live. The Children’s Defense Fund has worked relentlessly for more than 40 years to ensure a level playing field for all children and champions policies that lift children out of poverty, protect them from abuse and neglect, and ensure their access to health care, quality education, and a moral and spiritual foundation. The Children’s Defense Fund believes the rescission of DACA would cause immediate uncertainty, stress and fear that would threaten the health, development and well-being of children as well as the future prosperity of the United States, which depends on the vitality of all of our children.

**Children’s Defense Fund-Texas** has been working diligently for more than 20 years to ensure that all the children of Texas have a good start in life and a successful passage to adulthood with the help of caring families and communities. We have offices and programs in Austin, Houston, East Texas and the Rio Grande Valley, where we: advocate for policies that will make a positive difference in our children’s future; lead programs to serve and empower children, families, and communities; and, provide tools and opportunities to the public to better empower them to advocate for a better future for themselves. We support upholding protections for DACA recipients and their children (of whom there are 46,700 living in Texas) because all children deserve a safe and healthy start in life, regardless of where or to whom they were born.

**Children's Institute** is a statewide, non-profit, early childhood advocacy and policy organization that supports cost-effective investments in health, education, and social services for young children and their families from the prenatal stage to eight years old. Oregon's population includes 9,910 DACA recipients, including children with an average arrival age of six—among the youngest in the country—and another 5,500 U.S. born children of DACA recipients. Immigrant children in Oregon and elsewhere, raised under the threat of separation, detention, or deportation of their parents and family members, lack the safe and stable care environments that we know are critical to healthy development and learning. Understanding that the hearts and minds of our children hold the greatest promise for our nation's future demands that we protect DACA policies which keep families together, effectively and appropriately prioritizing the needs of our youngest.

**Colorado Children's Campaign** is the leading voice for Colorado's children. We advocate for the development and implementation of data-driven public policy that improves child well-being, with a focus on health, education and early childhood. We partner with organizations and communities to advance child well-being. We support ensuring the continuation of the protection that DACA has provided to nearly 15,000 fellow Coloradans who, on average, have lived in our state for over 20 years. These are fellow community members who are making positive contributions to our state, educating, caring for and raising children, and who deserve to continue to build opportunity for themselves and their families. We



oppose the administration's efforts to end this vital policy for Colorado's children and families.

**First Focus on Children** is a bipartisan advocacy organization dedicated to making children and families the priority in federal policy and budget decisions. One of First Focus on Children's priority issues is to ensure that federal policies, including immigration policies, promote the health, safety and well-being of children in immigrant families. First Focus on Children and its partner organization, the First Focus Campaign for Children, have been advocating for both legislative and administrative solutions to keep families together and minimize the harm of immigration enforcement policies on children. First Focus on Children believes the decision to rescind the DACA program continues to cause trauma and stress for both DACA recipients and their children who rightfully fear their parents may be deported in the near future.

The **Florida Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics (FCAAP)** represents more than 2,600 pediatricians in the State of Florida. The FCAAP is committed to promoting the health & welfare of Florida's newborns, infants, children, and adolescents, no matter where they or their parents were born. We are joining this brief as amicus because, if finalized, the proposed rule on eliminating DACA protection would directly and negatively impact the lives of 25,500 Florida DACA recipients and would put 7,200 Florida US citizen children, whose parents are currently DACA recipients, in severe jeopardy. Breaking up Florida families based on faulty immigration policy is antithetical to good pediatric

care. We strongly oppose any change to DACA protection other than making the status permanent.

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For 50 years, **Illinois Action for Children** has championed the cause of high-quality, accessible early care and education in Illinois. Getting an early start in life is more than just access to early learning opportunities—it means access to health care and food, as well as the feeling of safety and comfort in your community. Ending—or even threatening to end—Deferred Action on Childhood Arrivals (DACA) adds uncertainty to the lives of 85,000 people in Illinois living in DACA households, including 15,200 U.S.-born children. This uncertainty places children’s growth, health, and educational development at risk—with harmful impacts that may last well into adulthood.

The **Illinois Chapter, American Academy of Pediatrics (ICAAP)** is a non-profit professional

organization of more than 2,000 Illinois primary care pediatricians, pediatric medical subspecialists, and pediatric surgical specialists. ICAAP's mission is to promote and advocate for optimal child, youth, and family well-being and quality healthcare. DACA recipients and their children are deeply embedded in Illinois communities, with approximately 72,600 U.S. born children of DACA recipients calling the state home, the third highest total in the nation. As child health experts, ICAAP's member pediatricians provide medical care for these children every day in their local practices. Pediatricians in our state are managing the many negative health impacts of trauma in children of DACA recipients experiencing or at risk of experiencing family separation, including anxiety, depression, suicidal ideation, chest pain, and a whole host of other issues. ICAAP supports upholding protections for DACA recipients and their children, recognizing that these serious health consequences would only worsen if they were rescinded.

**March of Dimes** is a nonprofit organization that leads the fight for the health of all mothers and babies. Ensuring that pregnant women and children have access to timely, affordable, and high-quality healthcare is essential to achieving its goals. We firmly believe that families must remain together. March of Dimes is joining this amicus brief because if DACA is rescinded there will be irreparable harm to the health and well-being of families, including women and children. We know family separation has a direct negative impact on access health insurance coverage and other public benefit programs that families depend on to maintain for their health and well-being. Evidence suggests that the fear of deportation and

related stressors leads to poor birth outcomes such as low birthweight and greater risk of preterm birth. As the leader in ensuring the health of all moms and babies, we stand firm on keeping moms and babies healthy and safe — regardless of their citizenship status.

The **National Association of Hispanic Nurses (NAHN)** is a non-profit professional membership organization of 2,500 nurses and affiliated nursing specialists dedicated to advancing the health in Hispanic communities and to lead, promote and advocate the educational, professional, and leadership opportunities for Hispanic nurses. The National Association of Hispanic Nurses has a long-standing commitment to a diverse and culturally competent health care workforce. The values of diversity, inclusion, and equitable care are central to NAHN's mission. As the only national organization representing Hispanic nurses who provide bilingual and culturally competent care, we are troubled by the mental and physical health effects that ending the policy has on children of DACA recipients. As highly educated nursing professionals, our members are authors of numerous research studies on the myriad challenges to health equity and equality among Hispanics, especially children. The barriers are compounded by this policy and any policy that negatively targets DACA recipients. The forceful separation of children from their families will result in consequences that impact the physical, spiritual, and mental health of individuals, families, and most importantly children. NAHN calls for the continuation of the DACA policy. As a public health crisis, NAHN promotes the equitable treatment of all humans and

urges our policymakers to consider the immediate and long-term consequences of such actions impacting children. Research shows the lasting devastation and negative impacts over generations when childhood trauma occurs and removal of this protection and separation of families will cause such trauma. In addition to supporting DACA, NAHN promotes legislation to allow eligible DACA (Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals) fair access to licensure in all areas especially nursing, thereby, increasing the diversity of the nursing workforce. The need for a diverse health workforce is linked to increased patient satisfaction, improved health outcomes and well-being, improved communication, and greater healthcare access.

The **National Association of Social Workers (NASW)** is the largest association of professional social workers in the United States, with over 110,000 members in 55 chapters. These chapters represent regions with over 250,000 US-born children of DACA recipients. NASW develops policy statements on issues of importance to the social work profession. Consistent with those statements, NASW supports efforts to ensure that children from immigrant families, regardless of citizenship status, are provided with the same societal protections as children from non-immigrant families. As social work practitioners and proponents of human rights, NASW also supports the U.S. government in providing homeland security and combating terrorism in a manner consistent with human rights, values, and ethics. The struggle to protect human rights remains a vital priority for the social work profession in the twenty-first century.

**NC Child** is a non-profit organization whose mission is to build a strong North Carolina by advancing policies to ensure that all children — regardless of race, ethnicity, or place of birth — have the opportunity to thrive. NC Child strongly supports upholding protections for DACA recipients and their children. NC Child believes that the implementation of deferred action programs like DACA can help promote the healthy development of the more than 50,000 children of DACA recipients in North Carolina.

**New York State American Academy of Pediatrics** represents more than 5,500 pediatricians across New York State. NYSAAP is committed to supporting and enhancing the health, safety, and well-being of all infants, children, adolescents, and young adults in New York State, no matter where they or their parents were born. We are joining this brief as amicus because if finalized, the proposed rule on eliminating DACA protection would directly and negatively impact the lives of 29,390 New York State DACA recipients and would put 6,900 New York US citizen children, whose parents are currently DACA recipients in severe jeopardy. Breaking up New York State families based on faulty immigration policy is antithetical to good pediatric care. We strongly oppose any change to DACA protection other than converting the protection to permanent legal status.

The **Ounce of Prevention** is committed to giving children in poverty the best chance for success in school and in life by advocating for and providing the highest quality care and education for children from birth to age five, including attention to the comprehensive development and well-being of young

children. Adverse childhood experiences, such as separation from family and primary caregivers, as well as lack of adequate shelter, food and health services, decrease the potential for long-term social and academic success in adulthood. The harmful effects of the trauma imposed on children as a result of separation from their family members will have a lasting impact throughout their lifetime. As a large segment of the child population in Illinois and across the country, the experiences, development, and education of children of immigrants are significant and will have effects on our entire nation. Our future is tied to their health and socio-emotional well-being across the lifespan, both personally and professionally.

The **Partnership for America's Children's** mission is to support its network of 52 state and community child advocacy organizations in 41 states that advocate to improve policies for children at the state, local and federal level. Collectively Partnership members represent over 90 percent of the country's children. The Partnership and its members advocate for children from cradle to adulthood across six major policy areas, supporting evidence-based policies using research and data. Members have long been leaders in efforts to secure access to essential benefits and services for children in immigrant families and many have undertaken advocacy to reduce and mitigate trauma for children.

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School and Boston Children's Hospital; and Director of the university-wide Center on the Developing Child at Harvard. He currently chairs the National Scientific Council on the Developing Child, whose mission is to bring credible science to bear on public policy affecting children and families, and The JPB Research Network on Toxic Stress, which is developing new measures of stress effects and resilience in young children. He has authored more than 150 publications and received multiple honors, including elected membership to the National Academy of Medicine, the Aldrich Award in Child Development from the American Academy of Pediatrics, the Award for Distinguished Contributions to Public Policy for Children from the Society for Research in Child Development, and The LEGO Prize.

**The Society for Research in Child Development (SRCD)** is a professional research organization established in 1933 by the National Research Council of the National Academy of Sciences. With a membership of more than 5700 scientists representing various disciplines and professions, SRCD is a respected source of scientific knowledge about human development. SRCD's core mission is to advance the developmental sciences and promote their use to improve human lives. SRCD concurs with the compelling evidence that termination of DACA poses risks to the health and development of children whose parents are DACA recipients and other immigrant communities. The science unequivocally points to stress, material hardship, and barriers to health care and other necessary social services resulting from the termination of DACA as having negative and long lasting effects on future generations of Americans, particularly children.



The **Texas Pediatric Society (TPS)**, the Texas Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP), represents over 4,200 primary care pediatricians, pediatric medical subspecialists, surgical specialists, and medical students who believe that the most important resource of the State of Texas is its children, and pledges its efforts to promote their health and welfare. The goal of the Society is that all children in the State attain their full potential for physical, emotional, and social health. TPS agrees with the AAP that the future prosperity and well-being of the United States depends on the health and vitality of all of its children, without exception. TPS has consistently and firmly stated that children who are citizens should not be subjected to the separation, or fear of separation from non-citizen parents or their caregivers.

**The Children's Partnership (TCP)** is a California-based children's advocacy organization committed to improving the lives of underserved children where they live, learn, and play with breakthrough solutions at the intersection of research, policy, and community engagement. TCP works to support children's healthy development, wellbeing and future success. As evidenced by research, this work includes protecting children from the harmful impacts of immigration enforcement, such as detention, deportation or family separation, and promoting stability, safety, and family togetherness. Programs like the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program offer families the opportunity to improve educational, health, and economic outcomes for program recipients and their children. Roughly a quarter of all DACA recipients reside in California, including 72,600 parents, and half of our state's nine

million children are children of immigrants. TCP believes programs like DACA will help ensure the healthy development of thousands of California children and ensure a stronger future for the entire state.

**ZERO TO THREE (ZTT)** is a national nonprofit, nonpartisan organization founded over 40 years ago to promote the well-being of all infants and toddlers, translating the science of early childhood development for policymakers, practitioners, and parents. ZERO TO THREE is particularly well-situated to comment on the effects of stress and trauma on very young children, including the short- and long-term impacts on their social-emotional development. ZERO TO THREE is an acknowledged leader on infant and early childhood mental health, with a history of work in the field including publishing the DC:0-5 Diagnostic Classification of Mental Health and Developmental Disorders of Infancy and Early Childhood (as well as its predecessor editions, the DC:0-3 and DC:0-3R) and supporting mental health clinicians and early childhood professionals around the world in advancing developmentally-appropriate services for young children. The work of the organization is guided by a Board of Directors which includes international leaders in this field. Decades of psychological and brain research have demonstrated that adverse experiences during the first three years, including high levels of household stress and instability and separation from parents, can have profound immediate and long-term harm on child development. ZERO TO THREE believes that policies that impact young children must be guided by the science behind healthy development and that the well-being of young children is key to the

future success of our nation. ZERO TO THREE is concerned that separating young adults covered by DACA from the young families they have now formed, or increasing the families' stress levels through the fear of separation and deportation, will inflict immense trauma on the young children as well as their parents.