

# Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

July 1, 2026

Joseph B. Edlow  
Director of the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services  
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5900 Capital Gateway Drive  
Camp Springs, MD 20588

Dear Director Edlow,

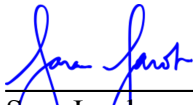
We write to bring your urgent attention to protracted delays in processing renewal applications for Form I-821D: Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA). Over the past few months, our offices have witnessed DACA cases lapse due to a backlog at the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS). DACA recipients nationwide are required to renew Form I-821D every 2 years to maintain lawful presence, receive protection from deportation, and obtain a work authorization document. This delay has jeopardized the livelihood and financial stability of our constituents, impacting their well-being and ability to support their families.

USCIS recommends that DACA recipients submit renewal applications between 120-150 days before their current form expires.<sup>1</sup> Despite adhering to these guidelines, several of our constituents have yet to hear back from USCIS regarding their pending DACA renewal applications. Additionally, while USCIS indicates that processing times for Form I-821D are approximately 3.5 months, several cases have exceeded this timeframe.<sup>2</sup> Allowing these cases to lapse causes work permits to expire and puts individuals at risk, as employers are forced to lay off DACA recipients, including essential workers, unless their renewals are approved in time. During the first quarter of FY 2026, USCIS reported that there were a total of 54,110 DACA renewal applications designated as pending.<sup>3</sup> Given these urgent circumstances, it is critical that DACA renewal applications be expedited and processed as soon as possible.

We are also concerned that DACA renewals are solely being adjudicated at the Nebraska Service Center (NSC). Over the past few months, our congressional staff has been unable to provide adequate updates to constituents because USCIS has been unresponsive to our inquiries. DACA is vital for recipients to remain in the United States, ensuring the continuity of their contributions to the US economy and workforce. Therefore, we urge USCIS to consider routing DACA renewals to other USCIS service centers to streamline adjudication of these cases.


Thank you for your time and consideration. We respectfully await your timely response to this matter and ask that you provide this inquiry with full and fair consideration, consistent with all applicable laws, rules, and regulations.

Sincerely,



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Sara Jacobs  
Member of Congress



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MARK TAKANO  
Member of Congress



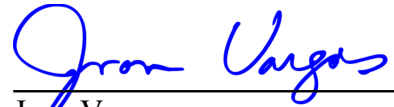
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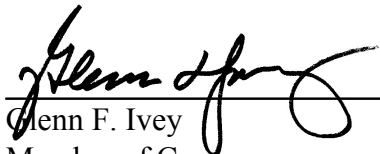
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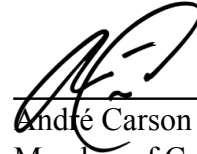
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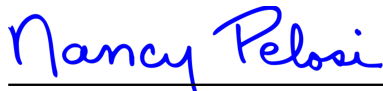
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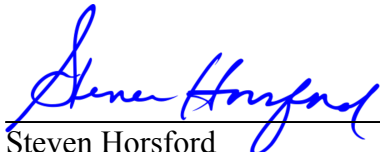
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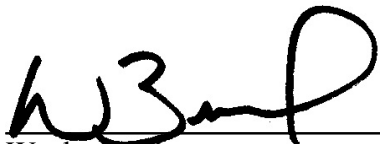
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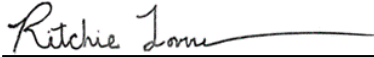
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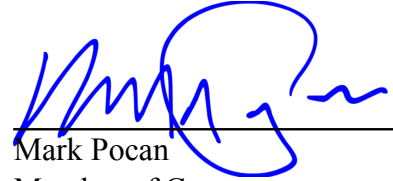
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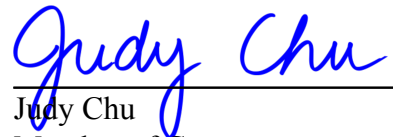
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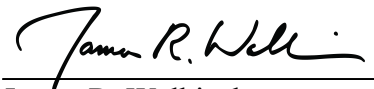
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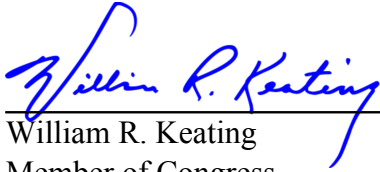
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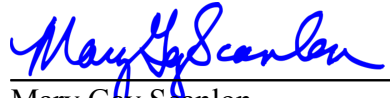
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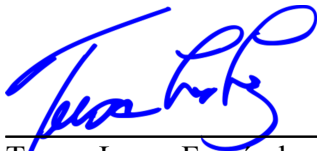
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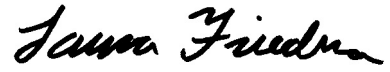
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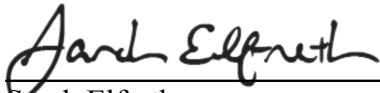
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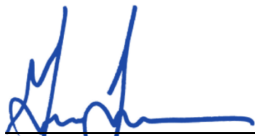
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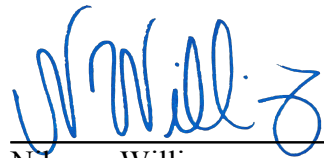
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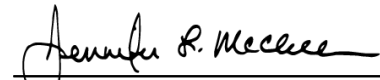


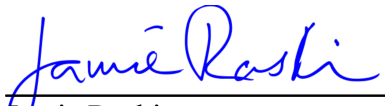
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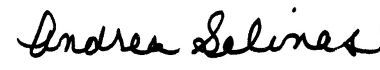
  
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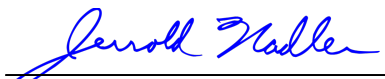
  
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<sup>1</sup><https://www.uscis.gov/humanitarian/consideration-of-deferred-action-for-childhood-arrivals-daca/frequently-asked-questions>

<sup>2</sup><https://egov.uscis.gov/processing-times>

<sup>3</sup>[https://www.uscis.gov/sites/default/files/document/reports/daca\\_performance\\_data\\_fy2026\\_q1\\_v1.xlsx](https://www.uscis.gov/sites/default/files/document/reports/daca_performance_data_fy2026_q1_v1.xlsx)