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**June 23, 2016**: **Supreme Court Tied on DACA/DAPA**

Today, the U.S. Supreme Court issued a 4-4 decision on *United States v. Texas*, which means that the lower court's injunction which halted the expansion of the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program and the creation of a new program known as Deferred Action for Parents of Americans and Lawful Permanent Residents (DAPA) has been upheld.

President Obama responded to the Supreme Court's deadlocked decision in *United States v. Texas* stating that the tie vote was "heartbreaking" and "takes us further from the country we aspire to be." In addition, Department of Homeland Security Secretary Jeh Johnson commented on the Supreme Court's ruling: "The president and I remain committed to fixing our broken immigration system. We are disappointed by the 4-4 vote in the Supreme Court today, and the gridlock in Congress that has stood in the way of more lasting, comprehensive immigration reform."

While today's decision is extremely disappointing to those children and the parents of US Citizens and Lawful Permanent Residents who have been waiting for the temporary reprieve of Deferred Action we must remember that this is not the end of the road for immigration reform. The DACA and DAPA programs were only temporary fixes and not permanent solutions for our broken immigration system. The Immigrant Community, and those who agree that our country’s immigration system needs overhauling, are urged to continue to make their voices heard now and when a new President and Congress are seated in 2017.

**One positive result of DACA and DAPA has been that many immigrants have discovered other pathways to lawful U.Ss immigration status. Please schedule a free consultation with our office to review your immigration options.**

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