



NCLR staff rally in defense of immigrant families and DREAMers on the steps of the Supreme Court in Washington, DC.

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Keeping families together and strong is a core principle and a fundamental value of American life. NCLR remains committed to this idea, which promotes the economic stability of immigrants and their integration into our country. Together with its Affiliate Network, NCLR advocates for sensible immigration reform while providing access to services that ensure the successful integration of immigrants into our society.

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As Jesus Ramos belted the national anthem on the steps of the Supreme Court, he held the note on “free” for so long that the crowd of thousands began holding it with him. We were all there, rallying in support of programs that would relieve millions of undocumented young people and their families. Each member of the NCLR family wore a matching red tee and stood alongside ally organizations visiting from across the country.

After years of fighting for comprehensive immigration reform, we saw the light break through when President Obama announced the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals Program, or DACA, providing temporary relief for DREAMers. We were thrilled when, in 2016, he announced an expansion of DACA, and created a similar program for parents of children who are U.S. citizens or permanent residents. That celebration was short-lived though, since the programs were challenged soon after the announcement. As the Supreme Court heard oral arguments about whether to let the programs move forward, we gathered our staff members from across the country to join at the

historic steps to show solidarity for the millions of lives hanging in the balance.

“I was proud to be at the Supreme Court with thousands of other people to show the importance of this case,” Laura Vazquez, NCLR Program Manager of Immigration Initiatives, remembers. **“It was important to be at the Supreme Court to demonstrate our support for families that should be protected from deportation and that families can stay together.”**

This country was built on the idea that anybody can come here and make something of themselves, and we’re committed to making that a reality for any person who’s willing to put in the work. These aren’t just names on a list—they’re our family, our friends, and our coworkers. They’re important to us personally, and they’re vital to continuing America’s role as a world leader.

To learn more about how NCLR is advocating for sensible immigration reform, or visit www.nclr.org/issues/immigration.

TO ADDRESS THE NEED FOR IMMIGRATION LEGAL SERVICES, NCLR INVESTED MORE THAN \$200,000 IN 2016 TO INCREASE THE NUMBER OF AFFILIATES RECOGNIZED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE TO PROVIDE IMMIGRATION LEGAL SERVICES.

42 Affiliates are now recognized by the Department of Justice (DOJ) to provide immigration legal services

Through NCLR’s network of DOJ-recognized Affiliates:

1,400 applications for citizenship filed

160,000 DREAMers received eligibility screenings for DACA and other forms of relief

17,000 people completed applications for DACA and other forms of relief

1,600 microloans will be issued through NCLR’s *Fuente Crédito* Loan Program to help pay for naturalization application fees