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Trump Would be Foolish to Terminate DACA

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Rumors abound that President Trump is considering terminating the deferred action for childhood arrivals (DACA) program for certain undocumented individuals in the United States. To do so would be a foolish decision, both politically and economically.

Politically, killing DACA might appeal to Trump's base, but it will hurt him among the larger American electorate. A majority of Americans support the DACA population.

Economically, DACA recipients are contributing to our economy. In the article "[The Economic and Fiscal Impact of Repealing DACA](#)," the Cato Institute estimates that the fiscal cost of immediately deporting the approximately 800,000 people currently in the DACA program would be over \$60 billion to the federal government, along with a \$280 billion reduction in economic growth over the next decade.

If President Trump really wants to help the U.S. economy, he will leave the DACA program alone.