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Los Abogados Statement Regarding Arizona v. MCCCCD Decision

Los Abogados was dismayed to learn of the Arizona Court of Appeal's decision in State of Arizona v. Maricopa County Community College District Board this week. The decision exemplifies the need for Congress to act on immigration reform, especially in cases related to individuals covered by Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA). This population is particularly burdened by uncertainty as their ability to pursue opportunities in America, the sole country that many of this community has ever known, is consistently debated in our courts of law.

On this issue, Los Abogados President, Jason Barraza, stated, "each day that goes by is another day people seeking to make themselves, and America, a better place must live with an uncertain and ill-defined status. In this case, Congress' inaction is now denying students covered by DACA access to higher education, effectively limiting their opportunities of success."

The final disposition of this case has likely not been reached, and the uncertainty that fills the lives of the DACA population continues. The Board of Los Abogados implores Congress to fill the gaps that exist in the lives of these individuals, and finally bring about a resolution so that individuals subject to DACA may achieve full documented status in the country they call home.

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