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TEACH FOR AMERICA STATEMENT ON PRESIDENT OBAMA'S EXPANSION OF DEFERRED ACTION FOR CHILDHOOD ARRIVALS

New York, NY (November 20, 2014) — Teach For America today released the following statement on President Obama's expansion of the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program:

"At Teach For America, we believe in the dignity and potential of every child. President Obama's action on expanded eligibility of Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) to more young adults makes the aspiration of a college degree and a career possible for many more. Teach For America has opened admissions to our corps to DACA recipients, and we currently have many DACA-mented teachers in our classrooms across the country. We have said for some time that we believe that if you're brought to this country as a child, you should be able to pursue an education safely, without fear of deportation, and create a path to contribute to American society through achievement in education.

"While we believe all teachers can have an impact on kids, it is critical that more people who share their backgrounds and experiences of our students step up and take on the courageous and noble work of being a teacher and a powerful role model for what our children can achieve. We welcome the expansion of DACA to aspiring teachers."

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About Teach For America

Teach For America works in partnership with communities to expand educational opportunity for children facing the challenges of poverty. Founded in 1990, Teach For America recruits and develops a diverse corps of outstanding college graduates and professionals to make an initial two-year commitment to teach in high-need schools and become lifelong leaders in the movement to end educational inequity. Today, 10,600 corps members are teaching in 50 urban and rural regions across the country while more than 37,000 alumni work across sectors to ensure that all children have access to an excellent education. For more information, visit www.teachforamerica.org and follow us on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#).