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The Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program has been a resounding success, bringing more than a half million undocumented young adults out of the shadows. These young people who were brought to the United States prior to age 16 have been taken out of the middle of the immigration tug-of-war, and for that the Administration should be universally applauded. Since it appears that neither the DREAM Act nor Comprehensive Immigration Reform will pass Congress before the end of the year the Administration has taken the very important step of beginning the renewal process for the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program. DACA-based employment authorization cards will begin to expire in September, and the holders of those cards need to be able to plan for their futures. For those attending college, they need to know that they will be able to continue working to pay for college tuition in the fall. College registration dates creep earlier each year, and some may need to register for fall classes as early as April.

The half-million plus DACA registrants comprise a particularly computer-savvy group. For that reason it makes sense to authorize an electronic re-registration process, similar to the TPS re-registration process. Pairing renewal of a principal form (the I-821 for TPS, the I-821D for DACA) with form I-765 has proven to work very well.

Thank you,

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