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Texas State Teachers Association President Noel Candelaria issued the following statement at the rally in support of DACA:

“Attorney General Ken Paxton’s lawsuit threat created an artificial deadline that led to today’s cruel and foolish decision to rescind a DACA program that has allowed 120,000 law-abiding, productive young Texans to contribute their talents to our great state.

“Our ‘Dreamers’ didn’t choose to come to the United States. Their parents brought them here as infants or young children. Their adopted country is the only home they have ever known. They have studied and achieved here. They have fought in our military. They love our country. And, they teach our children. They want and deserve to remain here.

“Estimates by the Migration Policy Institute suggest that 2,000 Dreamers are now teaching in Texas classrooms — teaching to give their students access to the American Dream. At a time when Texas has a teacher shortage and a majority of Texas students are Hispanic, these teachers have a unique ability to connect with our students and show the importance of education.

“Our ‘DACAdmented’ teachers are an example what is best about America. Sadly, Ken Paxton and the Trump administration are trying to slam the door on the best of America.

“Today, we call on both Democrats and Republicans in Congress to put politics aside and do the right thing for all Americans. These young people are not bargaining chips. This is about right and wrong, and deporting productive DACA recipients would be wrong for our state and nation.”