

Supreme Court hears case on DACA

WASHINGTON (SBG) - Outside the Supreme Court Tuesday, protests erupted, as the nine justices heard oral arguments in a case that could determine the future for recipients of the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program.

In a memorandum issued by then-Secretary of the Department of Homeland Security Kirstjen Nielsen, detailed the administration's reasons for rescinding the program, citing among other things, "serious doubts about its legality."

Those in favor of the program argue against sending young people back to countries they don't remember, especially as their parents took them from as children to bring them into the United States illegally.

Sheldon Johnson, a DACA supporter outside of the court said, "It's supposed to be the home of the free and the land of opportunities."

In court, attorneys for the plaintiffs tried to make the case allowing DACA to wind down would have a negative impact on the U.S. workforce, military and economy as a whole.

One of the central reasons this case ended up at the U.S. Supreme Court is because Congress has yet to pass comprehensive immigration reform. So when the Trump administration rescinded doctor and lower courts blocked that it made this the battleground at least for now.

Ken Cuccinelli, acting Director of the Citizenship and Immigration Services, says Congress should take notice.

They complain to us continually about things they have control over they complain about us wrapping up DACA program, they have the power as the Congress to make it a legal visa program," he said in an interview Tuesday.

He said President Trump is willing to have a conversation with lawmakers re-visiting DACA but for now would refuse to enforce a policy it considers illegal and unconstitutional.

A decision is expected in the spring.

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