

LAA: Court's Failure to Lift Injunction Is a Disappointment; Congress Needs to Address Comprehensive Reform

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The Latin American Association, the largest provider of social and legal immigration services to the Latino community in Atlanta, is deeply disappointed in the Fifth Circuit's denial of the Obama administration's request to restart the President's executive actions on immigration. If successful, the executive actions could provide deportation relief and work authorization to more than 4 million young people and parents of US citizens and lawful permanent residents.

While the executive actions are a crucial step forward, the Latin American Association believes that comprehensive immigration reform is still needed. The executive actions are merely a temporary and partial solution. They do not provide permanent status or a path to citizenship for the 11 million undocumented individuals who are pursuing the American dream and contributing to the welfare of the nation.

It should be noted that recent litigation does not affect Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (2012), which remains in full effect and has provided hundreds of thousands of young people with a reasonable, if limited, path of meaningful opportunity.