

Chairman

Mayor Pete Saenz
City of Laredo

Vice Chairman

Commissioner Richard Cortez
City of McAllen

Treasurer

Henry Sauvignet
IBC Bank

Immediate Past Chairman

J.D. Salinas III
AT&T

Executive Committee

Judge Eddie Trevino
Cameron County

Mayor Robert Garza
City of Del Rio

Mayor Ramsey English Cantu
City of Eagle Pass

Mayor Joe "Fito" Salinas
City of La Joya

Mayor Jim Darling
City of McAllen

Mayor Norberto Salinas
City of Mission

Mayor Ambrosio Hernandez
City of Pharr

Judge Cinderella Guevara
Presidio County

Mayor Barry Patel
City of South Padre Island

Ben Petty, Sr.
TaxFree Shopping

Judge Aurelio Guerra
Willacy County

Committee Chairs

Carolyn Petty
Alex Meade
Economic Development

Dr. Hector F. Gonzalez
Healthcare

Monica Weisberg-Stewart
Immigration &
Border Security

Cynthia Garza Reyes
Transportation

Michael E. Gonzalez
Workforce Development

Mission:

***To make legislative
recommendations to
help the Texas Border
Region grow and
prosper economically.***



RESOLUTION

REAFFIRMING SUPPORT FOR THE DEFERRED ACTION FOR CHILDHOOD ARRIVALS (DACA) PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program provides administrative relief from deportation for nearly 800,000 young people who entered the United States as children (Dreamers); and

WHEREAS, the purpose of DACA is to provide safe harbor to eligible immigrant youth and a work permit, renewable every two years; and,

WHEREAS, Dreamers have passed background checks and received permission to live and work in the nation where they were raised as Americans; and,

WHEREAS, Dreamers know no other country as their home other than the United States and should be able to live without fear of deportation as long as they have not committed crimes; and,

WHEREAS, the United State taxpayer has helped educate Dreamers from elementary through high school, giving all Americans a vested interest in their success in the work force of tomorrow; and,

WHEREAS, more than 800 Dreamers are now serving in the U.S. armed forces; and,

WHEREAS, proposed legislation in the U.S. Congress known as the Dream Act would make DACA recipients eligible for permanent legal immigrant status and provide them with a stable basis to advance themselves as members of American society; and,

WHEREAS, termination of the DACA program would reduce the size of the American economy by \$433 billion over the next ten years; and,

WHEREAS, thousands of DACA eligible youth live in the Texas border region; and

WHEREAS, President Donald Trump and the bipartisan leaders of the U.S. Congress have pledged to seek enactment of the Dream Act or similar legislation; and,

WHEREAS, fulfillment of the promise of the Dream Act is essential to the ability of DACA youth in the Texas border region to work, study, raise families and reach their full potential:

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Texas Border Coalition calls on President Donald Trump and the U.S. Congress to enact the Dream Act or similar legislation that would continue the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program.

Signed this 28th day of November, 2017

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Pete Saenz". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a large initial "P" and a long, sweeping underline.

Pete Saenz
Mayor, City of Laredo
Chairman, Texas Border Coalition