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Miami Leaders Line Up To Support ‘Dreamers’ And Ask Trump To Do The Same

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Group photo of the participants during a conference at Miami Dade College's Wolfson Campus on Wednesday, August 30, 2017 where dozens of education, elected, advocacy, community, faith, business and civic leaders convened to support the DACA program.

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With the future of a program that protects undocumented young people from deportation in question, leaders of Miami-Dade lined up Wednesday to voice their support for “Dreamers” and reassure scared kids that the community has their back.

For the past five years, undocumented immigrants brought to the U.S. by their parents when they were children could access the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program and get a work permit and driver’s license. President Donald Trump has signaled that he wants to end the program put into place by former President Barack Obama via executive order, possibly as soon as this week.

The county leaders gathered at Miami Dade College, which became “the epicenter of the ‘Dreamer’ movement” in 2010 when four undocumented students walked the 1,500 miles from the Freedom Tower to the U.S. capital to call attention to their plight.

“Today,” MDC President Eduardo Padrón told the crowd, “we’re telling them ‘we’re with you.’”

See the full list of participants at our news partner, the Miami Herald (<http://www.miamiherald.com/news/local/immigration/article170256057.html>).

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