

## **Temporary Injunction Remains in Place for Now with 5<sup>th</sup> Circuit Divided Decision to Deny of DOJ's Request for Stay.**

Farmworker Justice is deeply disappointed by the 5<sup>th</sup> Circuit's decision today to deny the Department of Justice's request to stay the temporary injunction of DAPA and expanded DACA. This decision means continued delays in the implementation of the expanded DACA and the DAPA programs that could provide relief for 4-5 million hard-working parents and Dreamers of the United States. The decision comes exactly one week after the Deferred Action for Parents of Americans and Lawful Permanent Residents program (DAPA) was supposed to begin.

This ruling does not mean that the Obama Administration has lost the case, it simply means that the Court wants to leave the injunction in place until they have time to decide the full appeal. The full appeal is still pending and is tentatively scheduled for oral argument in early July. The decision does not affect the current DACA program announced in 2012, which is still in effect and accepting new applications and applications for renewal.

While disappointed, Farmworker Justice is not deterred. We will continue to defend President Obama's administrative actions until the fight for administrative relief is successful. Roughly 700,000 farmworkers and their spouses could be eligible to come forward to apply for temporary protection from deportation and work authorization under the deferred action opportunities. The programs are well within the President's authority and are a limited but important step toward addressing our broken immigration system. By eliminating the constant fear of deportation, farmworkers and other aspiring Americans will be able to contribute more fully to their communities and will be empowered in their workplaces.

Farmworker Justice will continue to work with groups throughout the country to support and plan implementation of the DAPA/DACA programs and to win legislation that creates a path to citizenship for undocumented farmworker families and other aspiring Americans.