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# CM CHIN JOINS HUNDREDS OF IMMIGRANT ACTIVISTS AT TRUMP TOWER TO STAND WITH NEW YORK CITY'S DREAMERS

*On deadline of DACA renewal, immigrants protest Trump's decision to phase out vital administrative relief from deportation*

*Daughter of formerly undocumented restaurant worker, Chin reminds activists that fight is not over*

**NEW YORK** – Yesterday, Council Member Margaret S. Chin joined the Asian American Federation, 23 immigrant advocacy groups and nearly 200 activists in front of Trump Tower to express her strong solidarity with the thousands of undocumented New Yorkers impacted by DACA. Occurring on the deadline for DACA application renewal, yesterday's action was one of several high-profile mobilizations across the country in support of DACA recipients.

“As a proud first-generation immigrant, I stand with our City's DREAMers to remind Washington that now and always, immigrants are here to stay,” said **Council Member Margaret S. Chin**. “What we need



is real leadership that will fight to uphold our country's fundamental values of inclusion, promise and opportunity. Together, we urge President Trump to extend DACA and call on Congress to pass a clean DREAM Act.”

Since its implementation in 2012, DACA, or the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program, has provided 800,000 promising young immigrants with the opportunity to work and study in the United States without the immediate fear of deportation through a two-year period of deferred action.

With DACA scheduled to expire by March 2018, over 36,000 immigrants who are eligible to renew their DACA status have not yet submitted their applications for renewal, leaving these promising individuals and their families in a distressing state of limbo.

Yesterday's rally was an opportunity for AAPI New Yorkers to show their solidarity with immigrants impacted by DACA now fearing for their future to stay in this country, the only home that they know. Even though one out of every 7 Asian Americans is undocumented, undocumented Asian Americans still face the stigma of coming out of the shadows.

As the DACA program continues to phase out, immigrant communities across the country are mobilizing to urge Congress to pass a clean DREAM Act, which would provide qualifying young immigrants with a pathway to citizenship without deceptively tacking on additional anti-immigrant measures.



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Council Member Chin was also joined by Assembly Member Yuh-Line Niou, Congresswoman Grace Meng, Manhattan Borough President Gale Brewer and Comptroller Scott Stringer.

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