



## AAPD Statement on Recent SCOTUS Rulings:

This week the Supreme Court issued two decisions that will affect the lives of millions. On Monday, the Supreme Court announced a 6-3 ruling in favor of three LGBTQ employees who were fired because of their sexual orientation or gender identity. The Court determined this discrimination is prohibited by Title VII of the 1964 Civil Rights Act, which bans discrimination on the basis of sex. Today, the Supreme Court announced a 5-4 ruling on Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program cases, deciding that the Trump administration's rescission of the program was arbitrary and capricious. This allows DACA to remain in place allowing more than 650,000 Dreamers to avoid deportation and remain in the United States.

AAPD President and CEO Maria Town stated:

"These rulings are affirmations of the humanity and worthiness deserved by every person regardless of who they are, who they love, or how they arrived. People with disabilities across the country know the painful realities of being denied the basic dignity of work and their personhood questioned. You cannot discriminate against LGBTQIA people or immigrants without restricting the lives of all disabled people. In that spirit, we will continue to fight for LGBTQIA non-discrimination across all aspects of public life and for Congress to create a permanent path to citizenship for Dreamers and clearly enshrine the right of every person to control their own destiny and their own identity without fear."

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