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DACA: KEYSTONE FOR A BI-PARTISAN AGREEMENT



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Here's what provoked me:

DACA and border wall - it's time for compromise and bipartisan effort to begin putting this aspect of immigration reform behind us.

Here's my response:

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Trump rescinded Obama's unconstitutional Executive Order which gave immigrant "Dreamers" relief from deportation worries. Dreamers are immigrants brought into the U.S. illegally as children, through no choice of their own.

When issuing the order, Obama expressed concern that he didn't have the authority to take this action, and was merely providing a "stop-gap" measure. He acknowledged that Congressional legislation would be the only permanent solution.

Trump came to the rescue by diverting the inevitable constitutional challenge of Obama's DACA order. He rescinded the order, but delayed action on it for six months, giving Congress time to complete their responsibilities. Trump wants Congress to act, and has encouraged a compassionate "Dreamers" solution.

Immigration reform is an ideal place to accomplish important bipartisan legislation. We've been given a pathway to do so but each party is stuck on ideological differences. Some republicans refuse to support any type of DACA relief. And democrats refuse to authorize funds to build a wall as part of border security.

Democrats, swallow your stubbornness and accept a wall if you get DACA. Republicans, accept reality and accept a DACA solution if you get a border wall. And Mr. President, stop with your antics and let this happen.