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On behalf of DREAM Iowa, we're inviting all presidential candidates to join a DAPA family for dinner here in Iowa on or around the one-year anniversary of the DAPA announcement, November 20, 2015.

On November 20, 2014 President Obama announced the Deferred Action for Parents of Americans and Lawful Permanent Residents (DAPA) policy and the expansion of Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA). DAPA would protect parents of US Citizen children from deportation and allow them to apply for a work permit. DACA applies to people who came to this country as children. Currently, both DAPA and the expansion of DACA are blocked by a federal court.

Regardless of your position on DAPA and DACA, we invite you to break bread with these families and see for yourself how they are just like other American families. We want you to learn about their lives, and discuss what your Presidency would mean for them.

Latinos in Iowa -- including undocumented Iowans -- are an important part of keeping Iowa communities sustainable. The Rural Family Economic Success Network estimates that nearly 40% of all new rural Iowans are Latino. By 2040, Latinos will represent about 50% of the population in Crawford, Marshall, and Buena Vista counties and over a quarter of the populations of Muscatine, Louisa, Woodbury, Franklin, Wapello, Wright, and Polk counties.

According to Latino Decisions, 63% of Latino voters across the country say they personally know someone who is an undocumented immigrant, and immigration reform is already a critical issue for the 2016 elections. Voters here in Iowa want to know what each candidate proposes to do with the 11 million undocumented immigrants that currently reside in the United States—many of whom have US citizen family members and deep ties to their communities.

By sitting down with DAPA-eligible individuals, you can learn more about their experiences and take the opportunity to lay out your own campaign's vision and goals on immigration.

Please contact Hector Salamanca (HASalamanca1@gmail.com), to set up a DAPA Dinner for your candidate.

Respectfully,

Hector Salamanca
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