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A recent rally in favor of immigration reform at the White House in Washington, D.C. brings out Michael Claros, 8, of Silver Spring, Md., whose parents would have been eligible for DAPA, or Deferred Action for Parents of Americans, an Obama era policy memo that the Trump administration has since formally revoked. (AP Photo)

Dreamers Abandoned

**Trump ends program
to furious opposition**

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A wide range of civil rights groups condemned the Trump Administration Tuesday for ending the 2012 program that has deferred deportations for more than 780,000 people who came to the U.S. illegally as children.

Opposition to the move was furious after Trump officials announced they will rescind the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program and phase it out over the next

six months, leaving the fate of the so-called Dreamers impacted by the program in the hands of Congress. The decision could impact 11,000 children in Oregon.

“Today, President Trump made one of the cruelest and most racially-motivated decisions in modern American history,” said Derrick Johnson, national interim president of the NAACP. “The current administration has abdicated any moral authority associated with the United States in favor of policies designed to promote white supremacy, shrink our democracy and divide our nation. It’s simply un-American.”

David Rogers, executive direc-

tor of the American Civil Liberties Union of Oregon, said Trump and the forces that helped to end DACA, “threw the lives and future of Dreamer families into disarray, and injected chaos and uncertainty into thousands of workplaces and communities across America.”

Rogers said the DACA program served as a critical lifeline for young immigrants who came to America as children and have known the United States as their only home. He said the Oregon ACLU will continue to fight on behalf of their futures.

Ivan Espinoza-Madriral, executive director of the Lawyers’ Committee

for Civil Rights and Economic Justice, said deporting dreamers would send them back to countries which they have little or no connection and subject them in many cases to the intense violence or poverty present in some of those countries.”

“This latest Trump threat only further divides our country and creates fear in our communities,” said Jason Leon, chair of the Latino Caucus of the Democratic Party of Oregon.

U.S. Sen. Ron Wyden, D-Ore., called Trump’s decision an effort to punish thousands of innocent young Americans

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