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Work re-verification not required with DACA decision

SACRAMENTO – California Labor and Workforce Development Agency Secretary David M. Lanier today issued the following statement that the decision to end the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) does not require employers to re-verify work authorization documents:

"With the announcement to phase out the DACA program, the California Labor and Workforce Development Agency and its partner departments affirm the action does not require an immediate re-verification of work authorization documents for DACA recipients.

"Any action or attempt by employers to re-investigate or re-verify work authorization documents in order to retaliate against any immigrant worker is unlawful in California.

"The Labor and Workforce Development Agency will continue to work in partnership with community leaders, worker advocates and employers to make sure DACA recipients and immigrant workers know they are covered by our state's workplace protections."

Employees with work-related questions or complaints may contact the Department of Industrial Relations' Call Center in English or Spanish at 844-LABOR-DIR (844-522-6734), and more information on wage theft and how to report violations is available through the Labor Commissioner's <u>Wage Theft is a Crime</u> website.

For additional resources on immigration issues and to find local organizations that can help answer DACA-related questions, please visit the list of <u>qualified nonprofit organizations</u> contracted with the California Department of Social Services, Immigration Branch.

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