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NSA Applauds Court of Appeals Ruling on Immigration

Alexandria, VA - The National Sheriffs' Association applauds the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals decision yesterday to maintain the injunction on President Obama's executive amnesty programs. NSA joined with the Federation for American Immigration Reform (FAIR) and the Immigration Reform Law Institute (IRLI) on an amicus brief in support of the 26 states suing to prevent the expansion of Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) and Deferred Action for Parents of American (DAPA) programs.

"The cornerstone of our democracy requires adherence to laws. Immigration reform, to be credible and accepted by The American People, must be acted upon by Congress and not be the product of a unilateral presidential decree. We must find a way to honor those who legally emigrate to this country," said Jonathan F. Thompson, CEO and Executive Director of the National Sheriffs' Association.

NSA and the nation's sheriffs have long held that Congress and the Administration should put its focus on funding programs to [enhance border security, strengthen employment verification, and create a pathway for legal employment and status](#). The President's actions, however, have created amnesty for those who have entered this country illegally, thereby undermining the efforts of state and local law enforcement to keep their communities safe.

In light of this ruling, NSA encourages Congress to use its legislative authority to require the Executive branch to enforce the immigration laws already on the books.

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