

‘Presidents Don’t Get to Make Law’: Judge Rules DACA Illegal, Biden Pushes Congress to Act

A federal judge has now ruled that the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program (DACA) is illegal, but President Biden says his Justice Department intends to appeal that ruling.

The program protected young immigrants from deportation, but Texas and eight other states sued to halt it. They argued former President Obama lacked the power to create the program because it bypassed Congress.

The states also argued that the program drains their educational and health care resources.

The ruling leaves the program intact for existing “dreamers” but stops the government from approving any new applications.

Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton, who brought the state’s lawsuit against the Biden administration, said in a tweet on Saturday that a president didn’t like federal law, so he made up his own.

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– Attorney General Ken Paxton (@KenPaxtonTX) July 17, 2021

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