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Amy Vilela's statement on ruling against DACA

LAS VEGAS—Democratic candidate for Nevada's First Congressional District Amy Vilela released the following statement regarding Texas Judge Hanen's ruling partially ending DACA:

Democrats have had unified control of our federal government for six months, and yet undocumented folks and our broader immigrant family remain under attack. I condemn Judge Hanen's ruling in Texas today, which partially ends DACA and will put countless lives at risk among those who are already some of our most vulnerable community members. This decision must be overturned, but our leaders must also have the courage to stand with our immigrant communities day-in and day-out, using every tool at their disposal to dismantle our broken and inhumane immigration system and replace it with a system that centers justice, respect, and dignity.

For far too long, too many in our Party have sat idly by as immigrants' rights have been attacked and dismantled by an aggressive, racist, nativist, and xenophobic movement steadily on the march. Republicans have turned federal and state judiciaries into ideological weapons that they wield unrelentingly against poor, working class, communities—and in particular against Black, brown, and immigrant communities—meanwhile, Democratic leadership remains fixated on bipartisanship and preemptive compromise as people's lives are destroyed. Enough is enough. It's time for our immigrant communities to stop living in fear.

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Amy Vilela grew up in poverty, relying on programs like WIC and SNAP in order to make ends meet as a single-mother. She took classes at night while working multiple jobs to become the first in her family to earn a degree. She became a national advocate for Medicare for All after her daughter Shalynne died at the hands of our nation's profit-driven healthcare system. After working her way up to become a CFO, Amy has since retooled her professional experience to provide vital campaign services to other progressive candidates. In 2020, serving as a State Co-chair, Amy led the charge for Bernie Sanders' landslide victory in the Nevada caucuses.

Amy and her family first moved to Nevada when her husband, Major David Vilela, was transferred to Creech Air Force Base. If elected, she would be the first ever active duty military spouse to serve in Congress.



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