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IMMIGRATION Deportation Proceedings Cease for DREAMer

POSTED BY JONATHAN MEADOR ON THU, JUN 28, 2012 AT 10:04 AM

Last we told you of the plight of Lester Chavarria, **the 21-year-old who was facing deportation at the hands of Immigration and Customs Enforcement** despite promises from the Obama Administration that he, just like millions of other young, foreign-born Americans who entered the country illegally as children, would be granted a path to citizenship as a young adult.

Pith has received word from the Tennessee Immigrant and Refugee Rights Coalition that the proceedings against Chavarria have ended.

"On Wednesday, June 20, the Nashville DHS office told Lester Chavarria that he would be deported even though he meets the requirements for the new policy, blatantly disregarding President Obama's announcement," says Amelia Post, spokeswoman for TIRRC. "After public outcry from around the country, Lester's deportation was stopped for now. While we are very happy that Lester will be able to stay with his family, we remain deeply concerned about how many other people are in Lester's situation."

ICE officials could not comment directly on the matter.

Click through the jump to read a statement prepared by Chavarria for Pith.

Last Friday, my deportation was stopped. Today an alarm I had set on my phone went off, saying 'Last Day'. The news still hasn't fully sunk in that I actually get to stay here with my family.

If I had been forced to go to Nicaragua, I would have been really scared. I don't know where I would have started. It would have meant having to adapt to a new culture, one that I don't know at all. It would have meant having to live without my family.

Now that I will be staying in my home, I want to go to school, I want to work and I want to be a better person. I want to be an example for others of someone who changed his life and made something of himself.

I joined J.U.M.P, an undocumented youth-led group in Nashville, to help make sure that other people like me don't get deported. I will keep sharing my story and now that I know more, I will work so that other students don't go through what I did.

I am very happy about the announcement President Obama made on June 15th to stop the deportation of DREAMers, but there is a lot more to be done. ICE offices need to do a better job. What the ICE office in Nashville did to me was not right.

I want to tell other undocumented students who might be in my situation to not be afraid. Fight for your future and don't give up. There is a purpose for you here. When we organize and work together, it makes a difference. If we speak up, we can stop this.

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I am very happy about the announcement President Obama made on June 15th to stop the deportation of DREAMers, but there is a lot more to be done. ICE offices need to do a better job. What the ICE office in Nashville did to me was not right. -----It's not right that Obama is refusing to deport illegal aliens like Lester. His family managed to come to a country they didn't know and to do it illegally, but he can't return to the country he holds citizenship in? Pull the other one. Thankfully, Obama's actions do NOT put Lester and other "Dreamers" on a pathway to citizenship, since they are still here illegally and still deportable.

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Posted by Ali Alexander on 06/28/2012 at 12:59 PM



I am a friend of Lester's and I am so very happy for him...he's exactly the sort of young man this country needs more of...ambitious, kind, hard working and smart! This is a great move by Obama and I fully support it. Blessings to you and your family Lester!

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Posted by bartsdad on 06/28/2012 at 11:10 PM



>>he's exactly the sort of young man this country needs more of...<<

What, illegal?

If these illegals are SO wonderful, then why don't they help clean up their own country? Why is may-he-co SO dependant on the cartels & corrupt? Why are police officers shooting each other in the airport in may-he-co city?

This is a huge slap in the face for all LEGAL immigrants who abide by the law(s) & do the right thing. This is vote pandering at its worst by the liberals. What, the dead don't vote enough for the liberal ticket?

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He's lived in the US since he was 11. How in the name of holy logic is this not his country?

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Posted by AngIRdr on 06/30/2012 at 5:54 PM



>>He's lived in the US since he was 11. How in the name of holy logic is this not his country?<<

The same way I know of mil personnel who've lived in Germany, Korea or Japan for the same period & will QUICKLY tell you they're US citizens.....

Illegal means ILLEGAL. It's a slap in the face for those whom abide by the rules & laws in order to immigrate to the US & remain here.

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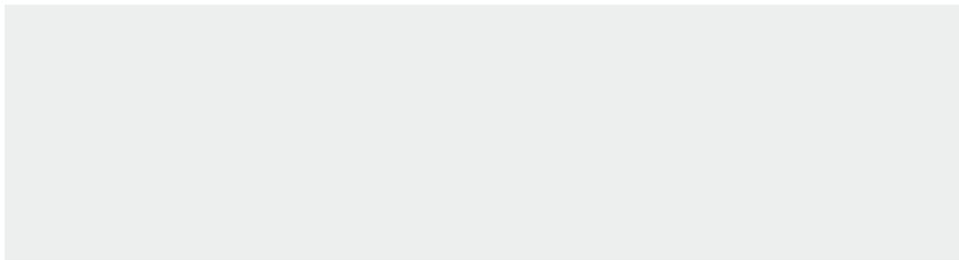


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