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Wildcat Family,

Earlier this week, U.S Border Patrol (USBP) was present at a career fair hosted at the University of Arizona. Although we recognize their attendance was solely to recruit students to join their workforce, the presence of uniformed USBP agents on our campus, especially without warning was, is, and will always be immensely harmful to our DACA and undocumented community.

As the Associated Students of the University of Arizona, we have an obligation and a responsibility to protect, support and speak out for all Wildcats, including our DACA and undocumented students. Simply put, unannounced visits by the U.S. Border Patrol are unacceptable. The same day USBP agents were present on campus, a Tucson family was arrested and detained by USBP only mere miles from the UA. The concerns students have of USBP presence on campus are real, they are valid, and they need to be heard.

We want to stress the importance of notifying students, especially our DACA and undocumented students, in advance of visits by USBP. It is also necessary to understand the mere presence of USBP on campus creates an environment which negatively impacts our DACA and undocumented community.

Every single UA student, faculty, and staff deserves and has the right to feel safe within our campus community. ASUA will work with the UA Administration as well as the entire campus community to take the necessary steps to ensure all Wildcats feel safe and supported on campus. These steps include assessing changes to UA policy and procedures that better support our students.

We want to thank every single student and campus member who has raised their voices for our incredible community of DACA and undocumented Wildcats.

In solidarity,

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