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For example:

Congress should do everything they can to find a solution that keeps DACA recipients protected from deportation.

LEAD IN – gives context or background on your evidence to help the reader understand it. “Leads in” or transitions to the evidence

For example:

DACA is a program that President Obama started in 2012. It provides young immigrants with the ability to live and work in America in spite of the fact that they came here illegally. There are currently about 800,000 people protected by DACA.

EVIDENCE – direct quotations, paraphrased material, facts, examples, statistics, or other info to support or back up your claim

For example:

These 800,000 DACA recipients are an important piece of our national economy. If they were to all lose their protection, it would profoundly affect the US economy.

ANALYSIS – write about the meaning of your evidence. Restate or interpret it in your own words. Break it down and examine it closely.

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These DACA recipients pay taxes like all hard-working Americans. If 800,000 American workers were to suddenly leave their jobs, American companies would be at a loss, and the government would lose a lot of tax revenue as well.

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As pointed out by former President Obama, the DACA recipients are not taking anything from Americans by enrolling in DACA; contrarily, they are contributing to America's economy and should therefore continue to be protected by the US Government.

Putting it all together...

Congress should do everything they can to find a solution that keeps DACA recipients protected from deportation. DACA is a program that President Obama started in 2012. It provides young immigrants with the ability to live and work in America in spite of the fact that they came here illegally. There are currently about 800,000 people protected by DACA. These 800,000 DACA recipients are an important piece of our national economy. If they were to all lose their protection, it would profoundly affect the US economy. These DACA recipients pay taxes like all hard-working Americans. If 800,000 American workers were to suddenly leave their jobs, American companies would be at a loss, and the government would lose a lot of tax revenue as well. As pointed out by former President Obama, the DACA recipients are not taking anything from Americans by enrolling in DACA; contrarily, they are contributing to America's economy and should therefore continue to be protected by the US Government.