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# 'Dreamers' appeal to AG

Young undocumented immigrants protest in-state-tuition suit



Beatriz Molina burns a copy of a high-school diploma to protest Attorney General Tom Horne's suit vs. Maricopa Community Colleges.

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One by one, they set fire to copies of high-school diplomas on Tuesday outside the offices of Arizona Attorney General Tom Horne.

The 50 protesters then placed ashes from the burned diplomas inside an urn and attempted to deliver them to Horne, claiming he is "burning up" the dreams of young undocumented immigrants who want to attend college.

It was the latest in a series of escalating protests by young undocumented immigrants known as "dreamers" and their supporters in an attempt to persuade Horne to drop his lawsuit against the Maricopa County Community College District.

Horne filed a lawsuit in June to block the community college district's policy that allows undocumented students to pay in-state tuition if they receive federal work permits under President Barack Obama's deferred-action program. The program allows young undocumented immigrants to stay in the U.S. temporarily without the threat of deportation.

Horne says the policy violates a state law approved by voters in 2006 that bars undocumented immigrants from paying in-state tuition.

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