

March 16, 2017

President Donald J. Trump
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW
Washington, DC 20500

Dear President Trump:

Thank you for the positive comments you have made on several occasions about “Dreamers,” a group of outstanding young people you recently referred to as “incredible kids.” We agree with you. Brought as children to our country and since granted temporary permission to stay and obtain work permits, they contribute to our great nation every day. We are ready to work with you to ensure that they can continue to do so.

University of North Carolina President Margaret Spellings, a former secretary of education under President George W. Bush, echoed your views in a recent op-ed in *The Washington Post*, saying:

“These young people...have grown up American—studying and learning in our public schools, celebrating our national holidays, becoming a part of our communities. They’ve made a lifetime of friends and memories here. This is the only home most of them can remember. These are our children, raised in our cities and towns and taught in our public schools. They share our hopes and dreams for a better America. Their faith in this country is a blessing, if we have the grace to accept it.”

Similarly, *The Wall Street Journal* editorial board wrote that repealing the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program, which enables them to work and study here, “would harm innocent men and women.” The *Journal* stated, and we concur, that providing Dreamers a reprieve from deportation while Congress works to codify the policy would convey a “message of inclusion and largeness of presidential spirit.”

At present, more than 750,000 individuals are registered under the program, many of whom are enrolled in college. These young people consider themselves Americans, just like their classmates and friends, and in most ways they are. To qualify, applicants must pass a rigorous, multi-faceted test. They must have arrived in the U.S. before reaching age 16, resided here continuously since 2012, be enrolled in or completed high school, not been convicted of a crime, and not present a threat to national security or public safety.

These bright and talented young people are working, are studying at colleges and universities, or have enlisted in the armed services. Because they now have work permits, they are making immediate contributions to our society and our economy. They are paying taxes, receiving driver’s licenses, and buying cars and first homes, all of which generates revenue for federal, state, and local governments. They are ineligible for federal means-tested welfare benefits, Pell Grants, and federal student loans, as

well as health care tax subsidies.

According to a recent study by the CATO Institute, deporting the approximately 750,000 people registered in the program would cost over \$60 billion in lost tax revenue and result in a \$280 billion reduction in economic growth over the next decade.

Unfortunately, many of these young people now live in fear that the program will be rolled back or revoked. In order to lift this cloud of fear, we ask that you commit to allowing these productive and high-achieving individuals to continue to work and study while your administration and Congress arrive at a permanent solution. The higher education community is eager to work with you to find a path forward.

Sincerely,

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American River College
Amherst College
Anna Maria College
Appalachian State University
Aquinas College
Arkansas Baptist College
Asbury University
Assumption College
Augustana College
Azusa Pacific University
Baldwin Wallace University
Barnard College
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Barton College
Bates College
Bay College
Becker College
Bellevue University
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Bennington College
Berea College
Bethel University
Big Bend Community College
Binghamton University
Boston University
Bowdoin College
Bowie State University
Bowling Green State University
Brown University
Bryn Mawr College
Bucknell University
Buffalo State College
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California Institute of Technology
California Institute of the Arts
California Lutheran University
California Polytechnic State University
California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo
California State Polytechnic University, Pomona
California State University
California State University Maritime Academy
California State University, Bakersfield
California State University, Channel Islands
California State University, Chico
California State University, Dominguez Hills
California State University, East Bay
California State University, Fresno
California State University, Fullerton
California State University, Los Angeles
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Canisius College
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Carthage College
Case Western Reserve University
Central College
Central Community College
Central Michigan University
Chaminade University of Honolulu
Champlain College
Chapman University
Charleston Southern University
Charlotte Christian College and Theological Seminary
Chatfield College
Chestnut Hill College
Christian Brothers University
City University of New York
Claremont School of Theology
Clark University
Clarke University
Clatsop Community College
Cleveland State University
Coe College
Colby College
Colby-Sawyer College
Coleman University
College of Saint Benedict
College of Saint Elizabeth
College of Saint Mary
College of the Holy Cross
Colorado College
Colorado Community College System
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Columbia University
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Dartmouth College
Davidson College
De Anza College
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Dutchess Community College
Earlham College
East Carolina University
East Tennessee State University
Eastern Michigan University
Eastern Oregon University
Eastern University
Eastern Washington University
Eckerd College
Edgewood College
Elizabethtown College
Elon University
Emmanuel College
Emmanuel College, Boston
Emory University
Empire State College
Excelsior College
Fairfield University
Fairleigh Dickinson University
Farmingdale State College
Fayetteville State University
Folsom Lake College
Fontbonne University
Foothill College
Foothill-De Anza Community College District
Fordham University
Franklin & Marshall College
Franklin University Switzerland
Frostburg State University
Fuller Theological Seminary
Furman University
Gannon University
Gateway Community and Technical College

George Fox University
George Mason University
Georgetown University
Georgian Court University
Gettysburg College
Goddard College
Golden Gate University
Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary
Goshen College
Goucher College
Governors State University
Graceland University
Grand View University
Greensboro College
Greenville College
Grinnell College
Guilford College
Guttman Community College
Gwynedd Mercy University
Hamilton College
Hamline University
Hampshire College
Hartwick College
Harvard University
Haverford College
Henderson Community College
Hendrix College
Heritage University
Hiram College
Hobart and William Smith Colleges
Holy Cross College
Holy Names University
Howard Community College
Humboldt State University
Illinois Institute of Technology
Illinois State University
Illinois Wesleyan University
Immaculata University
Indiana University
Ithaca College
Jackson College
James Madison University

John Brown University
Johns Hopkins University
Johnson & Wales University
Juniata College
Kalamazoo College
Kansas State University
Kaplan University
Kishwaukee College
Klamath Community College
Knox College
La Roche College
La Sierra University
Lafayette College
LaGuardia Community College
Laguna College of Art and Design
Lake Forest College
Lane Community College
Lasell College
Lebanon Valley College
Lesley University
Lewis & Clark College
Lewis University
Lewis-Clark State College
Life Pacific College
Lindsey Wilson College
Lipscomb University
Logan University
Loras College
Los Rios Community College District
Lourdes University
Loyola Marymount University
Loyola University Chicago
Loyola University New Orleans
Luther College
Lyndon State College
Macomb Community College
Madison College
Madonna University
Manchester Community College
Manchester University
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Mars Hill University
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Marquette University
Marylhurst University
Marymount University
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Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts
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Maysville Community and Technical College
McDaniel College
McKendree University
McPherson College
Medaille College
Metropolitan State University
Metropolitan State University of Denver
Mexican American Catholic College
MGH Institute of Health Professions
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Michigan State University
Michigan Technological University
Middlebury College
Millersville University of Pennsylvania
Mills College
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New York University
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North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University
North Central College
North Greenville University
North Park University
Northeastern Illinois University
Northeastern University
Northern Arizona University
Northern Illinois University
Northwest Christian University
Northwest Missouri State University
Northwest University
Northwestern College
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Notre Dame College
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Rice University
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Rochester Institute of Technology
Rockford University
Rockhurst University
Roosevelt University
Rosemont College
Rust College
Rutgers University-Camden
Rutgers University-New Brunswick
Rutgers University-Newark
Sacramento City College
Sacred Heart University
Saint Anselm College
Saint John's University
Saint Joseph's College
Saint Leo University
Saint Louis University
Saint Luke's College of Health Sciences
Saint Mary's College
Saint Mary's University of Minnesota
Saint Michael's College
Saint Vincent College
Salem State University
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Sonoma State University
Southern Methodist University
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Southern New Hampshire University
Southern Vermont College
Southwestern University
Spring Hill College
St. Ambrose University
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St. Cloud State University
St. Edward's University
St. Francis College
St. John's College
St. Joseph's College - New York
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St. Mary's University - San Antonio
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State University of New York at Morrisville
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The College of Saint Rose
The College of Wooster
The Community College of Rhode Island
The New School
The Ohio State University
The State University of New York
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Trinity College
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Ventura County Community College District
Villanova University
Virginia Community College System

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Walsh University
Warner Pacific College
Wartburg College
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Webster University
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