

August 31, 2017

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

Dear President Trump,

We write to strongly urge you to continue the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program. As higher education advocates, we know how critical this program is for students, institutions, and our broader community.

One-fifth of DACA recipients are enrolled in postsecondary education. Another third of recipients are in high school and are considering options to further their education and their preparation for the workforce after they graduate.¹

DACA recipients are integral members of our campus communities. They strive every day to achieve academically so they can build a better future for themselves and their families, and contribute even more to our communities and our nation's economy.

Ending DACA will tear opportunity away from these students who are Americans in every sense except for their immigration status on paper. Ending DACA will make pursuing a higher education significantly more difficult, if not impossible for these students. And it will slam shut the doorway to achieving the American Dream for students who cannot rationally be faulted for their lack of legal status.

Our country prides itself on the notion that with hard work and education, anyone can achieve here. DACA recipients are reaching for that goal. We ask you to stand with them.

Sincerely,

Achieve Atlanta
The American Association of State Colleges and Universities
American Association of University Women (AAUW)
Cal State Student Association
Campaign for College Opportunity
Chicago Urban League
College Possible
Consumer Action
Council for Opportunity in Education
Democrats for Education Reform
The Education Trust
Excelencia in Education
First Graduate
Generation Progress
Georgetown University Center on Education and the Workforce

¹ <http://www.migrationpolicy.org/research/education-and-work-profiles-daca-population>

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