June 15, 2022

President Joseph R. Biden  
The White House  
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Mitch McConnell  
Minority Leader  
United States Senate  
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Nancy Pelosi  
Speaker of the House United States  
House of Representatives  
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The Honorable Kevin McCarthy  
Minority Leader  
United States House of Representatives  
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The Honorable Chuck Schumer  
Majority Leader United States Senate  
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Dear President Biden, Leader Schumer, Leader McConnell, Speaker Pelosi and Leader McCarthy:

As the nation marks the 10th anniversary of Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA)—a policy that has provided advancement in education and career opportunities for many—we, as leaders of businesses, higher education organizations, colleges and universities, civil liberty groups, and nonprofits that advocate for DACA recipients—urge you to immediately pass legislation that offers a pathway to citizenship for our nation’s 2 million Dreamers.

On July 6, The Fifth Circuit Court will hear oral arguments on a case that will determine DACA’s future. While we remain uncertain on how the Court will rule, immigrant youth and DACA recipients are forced once again to grapple with the instability, uncertainty and anxiety inherent in a temporary program like DACA. Only Congress can avert the devastation that this Court decision and a subsequent U.S. Supreme Court ruling striking DACA would undoubtedly cause.

DACA’s success has unleashed the economic potential of almost 800,000 people, allowing them to contribute to our economy, start families, buy homes, access healthcare, build businesses and bring their talents to the industry sectors where they’re most needed. Three-quarters of DACA participants in the workforce—3,430,000 people—are essential workers. Of those, 34,000 provide healthcare services and 11,000 work tirelessly to keep our hospital and clinic facilities up and running. As our nation faces a teacher shortage, there are 20,000 educators who are DACA recipients working with kids in classrooms.
across the country. About 100,000 DACA recipients work in the nation’s food supply chain, in roles that are more important than ever.

But for too long, DACA participants have been vulnerable to government indecision, sparking anxiety, instability and legal limbo in their lives. And DACA’s strict timeframes omit thousands of individuals who need it. More than 427,000 undocumented students are currently enrolled in postsecondary institutions, and of these, fewer than half (181,000) are DACA-eligible. Similarly, every year, approximately 100,000 undocumented students graduate U.S. high schools, but only one quarter are DACA-eligible.

DACA has been a transformative program for both its recipients and the country, demonstrating why expanding opportunities for immigrants is good for all of America—but it’s not enough. Now is the time to build on the successes of DACA and pass bipartisan legislation that provides a path to citizenship to DACA recipients, undocumented immigrant youth, and other Dreamers. The future of our country depends on it.

Sincerely,

American Business Immigration Coalition
FWD.us
National Immigration Law Center
Pre-Health Dreamers
Presidents’ Alliance on Higher Education and Immigration
TheDream.US
United We Dream

10,000 Degrees
Access College Foundation
Advancing Latinas into Leadership
African Public Affairs Committee
Alabama Possible
ALL In Education
America’s Voice
American Federation of Teachers (AFT)
Antioch College
Arizona Technology Council
Asian American Christian Collaborative
Association of Catholic Colleges and Universities
Border Angels
Boys & Girls Clubs of Dane County
Breakthrough Central Texas
Casa de Venezuela-Orlando
CASA/ CASA in Action
Catalyst Miami
Catalyst Miami
Catholic Coalition for Migrant Justice
Center for Houston’s Future
Charleston Hispanic Association
Church World Service
Cleveland Jobs with Justice
ClimbNY
Coalition on Human Needs
College Bound St. Louis
College Now Greater Cleveland
College Track
CollegeTracks
Disciples Refugee & Immigration Ministries
Edu-Futuro
Employer Name
Families Rights Network
Family Action Network Movement
FANM In Action
Farmworker Association of Florida
Fellowship Southwest
First Focus Campaign for Children
Florida Immigrant Coalition Inc.
Foothill-De Anza Community College District
Frontera de Cristo
Globe Products Co., Inc.
Greater Dallas Hispanic Chamber of Commerce
Greenwich Country Day School
Higher Heights Youth Empowerment Programs, Inc.
Hispanic Federation
Hispanic League
Hispanic Unity of Florida
HospitalityMaine
Ibarra Strategy Group
Idaho Dairymen’s Association, Inc.
Immigrant Alliance for Justice and equity
ImmSchools
Improve The Dream
Insure America Project
Irving Hispanic Chamber of Commerce
Jewish Community Relations Council of Phoenix
KIPP Public Schools
Latino Leaders Network
Latino U College Access
Los Angeles United Methodist Urban Foundation
Luke's Lobster
Mi Familia Vota
MomsRising / MamásConPoder
Mormon Women for Ethical Government
Mota Enterprises LLC
National Association of Colleges And Employers
National College Attainment Network
National Council of Jewish Women
National Latino Evangelical Coalition
Neighbors Link
New York Immigration Coalition
NM Comunidades en Accion y de Fe (NM CAFe)
North Texas Commission
Notorious Flooring
OneGoal
Our Children Oregon
RAICES
Refugee Aid
Retail Association of Maine
Scale LLP
SoCal CAN
Social Work Consultants
South Carolina Small Business Chamber of Commerce
South East Dairy Farmers Association
Southern Border Communities Coalition
Southern College Attainment Network
St.Germain
State Business Executives
Sundt Construction
Teach For America
TechNexus Venture Collaborative
The Borderplex Alliance
The Brand Building Shop
The Opportunity Network
The Resurrection Project
Their Story Is Our Story
True Ridge
Uncage and Reunite Families Coalition
UnidosUS
University of New England
University of Pennsylvania
Up2Us To Act, Inc.
Venezuelan American Alliance, Inc
Virginia Coalition for Immigrant Rights
Voices For Utah Children
Walker Wilson Consulting
Westchester Jewish Coalition for Immigration
Wind of the Spirit Immigrant Resource Center
Wisconsin Restaurant Association
Women with Broken Heals
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