



State of Minnesota

September 5th, 2017

The President  
The White House  
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW  
Washington, DC 20500

President Donald Trump,

We are writing to urge you to continue fully supporting and funding the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program in its entirety, and defend the policy from impending court challenges.

DACA allows undocumented people who have entered the United States before their 16<sup>th</sup> birthday, who are currently in school or have a high school diploma or an honorable discharge from the military, and who pose no threat to national security, to receive a renewable two-year period of deferred action from deportation. Eliminating this program puts the lives of over 6,300 young people in our state of Minnesota at risk; it strips them of their ability to get a driver's license, to receive health care, and to fully contribute to the state that they have given so much to already. It will not address the federal immigration status of young people who have been calling our country home most of their lives.

DACA recipients are often referred to as Dreamers – in reference to both the DREAM Act for higher education and for the dreams they have of giving back to the U.S. that they love. Here in Minnesota, Dreamers are woven into the very fabric of our state. They are teachers, health care professionals, engineers, artists. They help to drive our state economy in being responsible for millions of dollars in growth. All of this will be lost in eliminating DACA.

We stand with our Dreamers in Minnesota. They have worked hard to give back to our schools, to our communities, to our way of life, and as such we believe they have earned a right to continue to remain here with a documented status.

We call on you to not undo the hard-fought wins of undocumented communities on behalf of these young people who give so much to our state. As state elected officials we are focused on practical legislation – like promoting the capacity and skills of our residents, including Dreamers – in order to build and keep a healthy, vibrant Minnesota. Additionally, we need you and Congress to advance serious and permanent immigration reform that can contribute to Minnesota's long-term well-being. We stand ready to assist in that effort just as we stand strongly with our DACA recipients.

Signed,

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