

October 19, 2017

Representative Paul Ryan  
Speaker of the House  
United States House of Representatives  
Room H-305, The Capitol  
Washington, DC 20515

Representative Nancy Pelosi  
Minority Leader  
United States House of Representatives  
Room H-204, The Capitol  
Washington, DC 20515

Senator Mitch McConnell  
Majority Leader  
United States Senate  
Room S-230, The Capitol  
Washington, DC 20510

Senator Charles E. Schumer  
Minority Leader  
United States Senate  
Room S-221, The Capitol  
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Speaker Ryan, Leader Pelosi, Leader McConnell and Leader Schumer:

On behalf of the undersigned colleges and universities, we urge you to take the action that President Trump requested when he rescinded the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) policy, and pass a long-term legislative fix as soon as possible to protect Dreamers, outstanding young people brought to our country as children.

There is widespread support among your constituents and across the country on the need to protect these individuals. A Sept. 24-26 Fox News poll found that 62 percent of Americans say it is *extremely or very important* for Congress to pass legislation to address the Dreamers. A Sept. 18-21 *Washington Post*-ABC News poll found that more than two-thirds of adults—69 percent—support allowing these individuals to stay in the United States if they had arrived as a child, had completed high school or served in the military and had not committed a serious crime.

Colleges and universities have seen these remarkable people up close, in our classrooms and as our colleagues and friends. Despite the challenges they face, they have made incredible contributions to our country and its economy and security. They should continue to be able to do so. If we are unable to protect these Dreamers, we will be shutting the door to an entire generation of individuals who seek to contribute their best to America.

Our letter echoes the request made in the Sept. 20 letter from over 800 business and industry leaders in asking that Congress provide Dreamers with the permanent legislative solution that they deserve. The U.S. Chamber of Commerce also supports this request. Children brought to the United States at a young age did not have a choice in the matter and are today Americans in every way but immigration status. It remains in America's best interest to enable them to use their knowledge, skills and energy to continue to make the strongest possible contribution to our country.

We stand ready to work with Congress in a bipartisan manner to address this issue as quickly as possible.

Sincerely,

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Abilene Christian University

*Many higher education organizations assisted in compiling this letter. The effort was coordinated by ACE on behalf of the Protect Dreamers Higher Education Coalition ([www.acenet.edu/dreamers](http://www.acenet.edu/dreamers)), which is made up of major higher education associations representing a broad range of institutions and groups at U.S. colleges and universities.*

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Albertus Magnus College  
Alfred University  
Allan Hancock College  
Allegheny College  
Alliant University System  
Alvernia University  
American River College  
American University  
Amherst College  
Andrews University  
Anna Maria College  
Appalachian State University  
Arapahoe Community College  
Arizona State University  
Arkansas Baptist College  
Arkansas State University  
Arkansas State University System  
Arkansas Tech University  
Asbury University  
Assumption College  
Augustana College  
Augustana University  
Avila University  
Azusa Pacific University  
Bacone College  
Bank Street College of Education  
Barnard College  
Barry University  
Baruch College  
Bates College  
Bay Mills Community College  
Baylor University  
Beacon College  
Bellarmine University  
Benedict College  
Benedictine University  
Bennett College  
Berkeley City College  
Bethany College  
Bethel College (IN)  
Bethel University  
Binghamton University  
Birmingham-Southern College

Bluefield College  
Boise State University  
Borough of Manhattan Community College  
Boston College  
Boston University  
Bowdoin College  
Brandeis University  
Brandman University  
Bridgewater College  
Bronx Community College  
Brookhaven College  
Brooklyn College  
Broward College  
Brown University  
Bryn Mawr College  
Bucknell University  
Buena Vista University  
Buffalo State College  
Cabrillo Community College District  
Cabrini University  
Caldwell University  
California Baptist University  
California College of the Arts  
California Community Colleges  
California Institute of Technology  
California Lutheran University  
California Polytechnic State University  
California State Polytechnic University, Pomona  
California State University Channel Islands  
California State University Maritime Academy  
California State University, Bakersfield  
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, Long Beach  
California State University, Los Angeles  
California State University, Monterey Bay  
California State University, Northridge  
California State University, Sacramento  
California State University, San Bernardino  
California State University, San Marcos  
California State University, Stanislaus  
Calvin College  
Canisius College  
Capital Community College

Carleton College  
Carnegie Mellon University  
Carson-Newman University  
Carthage College  
Case Western Reserve University  
Cedar Crest College  
Centenary University  
Central Arizona College  
Central Christian College of Kansas  
Central College  
Central Community College  
Central Michigan University  
Centre College  
Cerritos College  
Chabot College  
Champlain College  
Charles R. Drew University of Medicine and Science  
Charter Oak State College  
Christian Brothers University  
City College of San Francisco  
City Colleges of Chicago, Wright College  
City University of New York, The Graduate Center  
Claflin University  
Clarke University  
Cleveland Institute of Art  
Cleveland State University  
Clinton Community College  
Coast Community College District  
Coe College  
Coker College  
Colby College  
Coleman University  
College of Environmental Science and Forestry  
College of Marin  
College of Saint Elizabeth  
College of Saint Mary  
College of Staten Island  
College of the Holy Cross  
Colorado Community College System  
Colorado School of Mines  
Colorado State University  
Colorado State University-Pueblo  
Columbia Gorge Community College  
Columbia University  
Columbus College of Art & Design  
Community College of Aurora  
Community College of Denver

Concordia College  
Connecticut College  
Contra Costa Community College District  
Converse College  
Corban University  
Cornell College  
Cornell University  
Cottey College  
Creighton University  
CUNY School of Professional Studies  
Curry College  
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Dallas Baptist University  
Davenport University  
Davidson College  
De Anza College  
Delaware State University  
Delaware Valley University  
Denison University  
DePaul University  
DePauw University  
Diablo Valley College  
Dickinson College  
Dillard University  
Divine Word College  
Dominican College of Blauvelt  
Dominican University  
Dominican University of California  
Donnelly College  
Dordt College  
Drake University  
Drew University  
Drexel University  
Duke University  
Duquesne University  
Dutchess Community College  
East Carolina University  
East Tennessee State University  
Eastern Connecticut State University  
Eastern Kentucky University  
Eastern Michigan University  
Eastern Oregon University  
Edgewood College  
El Camino Community College District  
Elizabethtown College  
Elon University

Emmanuel College  
Emory & Henry College  
Emory University  
Erie Community College  
Evangel University  
Evergreen Valley College  
Fairfield University  
Fairleigh Dickinson University  
Farmingdale State College  
Fayetteville State University  
Felician University  
Ferris State University  
Fisher College  
Florida Gulf Coast University  
Florida International University  
Florida State College at Jacksonville  
Florida State University  
Fond du Lac Tribal and Community College  
Fontbonne University  
Foothill College  
Foothill-De Anza Community College District  
Fordham University  
Fort Lewis College  
Fort Peck Community College  
Franklin & Marshall College  
Franklin College  
Fresno Pacific University  
Friends University  
Frostburg State University  
Fuller Theological Seminary  
Fulton-Montgomery Community College  
Furman University  
Genesee Community College  
George Fox University  
George Mason University  
Georgetown University  
Georgian Court University  
Gettysburg College  
Goddard College  
Golden West College  
Gonzaga University  
Goodwin College  
Goucher College  
Governors State University  
Grand View University  
Greensboro College  
Greenville University

Grinnell College  
Grossmont-Cuyamaca Community College District  
Guilford College  
Gustavus Adolphus College  
Hamilton College  
Hamline University  
Hartwick College  
Harvard University  
Hawai'i Community College  
Heartland Community College  
Henderson State University  
Hendrix College  
Heritage University  
Hillsborough Community College  
Hiram College  
Hofstra University  
Holy Family University  
Holy Names University  
Hostos Community College  
Houghton College  
Hudson County Community College  
Hudson Valley Community College  
Humboldt State University  
Hunter College  
Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai  
Illinois Central College  
Imperial Community College District  
Indiana University (all campuses)  
Indiana Wesleyan University  
Iowa State University  
Iowa Wesleyan University  
Irvine Valley College  
Ithaca College  
James Madison University  
Jefferson Community College  
John Brown University  
John Carroll University  
John Jay College of Criminal Justice  
Johns Hopkins University  
Johnson C. Smith University  
Juniata College  
Kalamazoo College  
Kansas City Art Institute  
Kapi'olani Community College  
Kaplan University  
Kenyon College  
Keuka College

Keweenaw Bay Ojibwa Community College  
Kingsborough Community College  
Knox College  
La Roche College  
LaGuardia Community College  
Lamar Community College  
Lane College  
Lasell College  
Lawrence University  
Le Moyne College  
Lebanon Valley College  
Leech Lake Tribal College  
Lehigh University  
Lehman College  
Lesley University  
Lewis University  
Life Pacific College  
Lincoln University of Missouri  
Linfield College  
Little Big Horn College  
Logan University  
Long Island University  
Loras College  
Los Angeles Community College District  
Los Angeles Southwest College  
Los Angeles Trade-Technical College  
Los Angeles Valley College  
Los Rios Community College District  
Louisiana State University  
Lourdes University  
Loyola Marymount University  
Loyola University Chicago  
Loyola University Maryland  
Loyola University New Orleans  
Luther College  
Lynchburg College  
Macalester College  
Macaulay Honors College  
Macomb Community College  
Madonna University  
Manhattan College  
Manhattan School of Music  
Manor College  
Marian University, Wisconsin  
Maricopa Community Colleges  
Marietta College  
Marquette University



Mars Hill University  
Maryland Institute College of Art  
Marymount University  
Marywood University  
Massachusetts College of Art and Design  
Massachusetts Institute of Technology  
Medaille College  
Medgar Evers College  
Mendocino-Lake Community College District  
Meredith College  
Messiah College  
Metropolitan State University  
Metropolitan State University of Denver  
Mexican American Catholic College  
Miami Dade College  
Miami University  
Michigan School of Professional Psychology  
Michigan State University  
Mid-Atlantic Christian University  
Middlebury  
Millersville University of Pennsylvania  
Milligan College  
Mills College  
Minnesota State University Moorhead  
Minnesota State University, Mankato  
Missouri State University  
Molloy College  
Monmouth University  
Monroe Community College  
Montana State University Billings  
Montana Tech of the University of Montana  
Montgomery College  
Moraine Valley Community College  
Moravian College  
Moreno Valley College  
Morgan Community College  
Morgan State University  
Mount Holyoke College  
Mount Ida College  
Mount Saint Mary College, Newburgh  
Mount Saint Mary's University, Los Angeles  
Mount St. Joseph University  
Multnomah University  
Nassau Community College  
National Louis University  
Naugatuck Valley Community College  
Nebraska Indian Community College

Nebraska Wesleyan University  
Nevada State College  
New College of Florida  
New Jersey City University  
New Jersey Institute of Technology  
New Mexico Institute of Mining & Technology  
New Mexico State University  
New York City College of Technology  
New York University  
Newman University  
Niagara County Community College  
Normandale Community College  
North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University  
North Dakota State University  
North Park University  
Northeastern Illinois University  
Northeastern State University  
Northeastern University  
Northern Arizona University  
Northern Essex Community College  
Northern Illinois University  
Northern Kentucky University  
Northern Michigan University  
Northern New Mexico College  
Northern Virginia Community College  
Northwest Missouri State University  
Northwest Nazarene University  
Northwest University  
Northwest Vista College  
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Notre Dame de Namur University  
Notre Dame of Maryland University  
Nueta Hidatsa Sahnish College  
Oakland University  
Oakton Community College  
Oberlin College  
Occidental College  
Oglala Lakota College  
Oglethorpe University  
Ohio University  
Ohio Wesleyan University  
Old Dominion University  
Olivet College  
Orange Coast College  
Orange County Community College  
Oregon State University

Otterbein University  
Our Lady of the Lake University  
Pace University  
Pacific Lutheran University  
Pacific University, Oregon  
Palm Beach State College  
Palo Alto University  
Palo Verde Community College District  
Pasadena City College  
Penn State University  
Pepperdine University  
Peralta Community College District  
Phoenix College  
Piedmont College  
Pillar College  
Point Loma Nazarene University  
Point University  
Pomona College  
Prairie View A&M University  
Pratt Institute  
Prescott College  
Princeton University  
Providence College  
Purchase College  
Purdue University  
Queens College  
Queensborough Community College  
Rancho Santiago Community College District  
Red Rocks Community College  
Reed College  
Regis College  
Regis University  
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute  
Rhode Island School of Design  
Rhodes College  
Rice University  
Rider University  
Rio Hondo College  
Rio Salado College  
Riverside City College  
Riverside Community College District  
Roberts Wesleyan College  
Rochester Institute of Technology  
Rockhurst University  
Rockland Community College  
Rocky Mountain University of Health Professions  
Roger Williams University

Roosevelt University  
Rosalind Franklin University of Medicine and Science  
Rosemont College  
Rutgers University-Camden  
Rutgers University-New Brunswick  
Rutgers University-Newark  
Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey  
Sacred Heart University  
Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College  
Saint Anselm College  
Saint Joseph's College of Maine  
Saint Joseph's University  
Saint Leo University  
Saint Louis University  
Saint Martin's University  
Saint Mary-of-the-Woods College  
Saint Mary's College  
Saint Mary's College of California  
Saint Mary's University of Minnesota  
Saint Michael's College  
Saint Peter's University  
Saint Xavier University  
San Antonio College  
San Bernardino Community College District  
San Diego Community College District  
San Diego State University  
San Francisco State University  
San Francisco Theological Seminary  
San Joaquin Delta College  
San Jose State University  
San Luis Obispo County Community College District/Cuesta College  
Santa Clara University  
Santa Fe College  
Santiago Canyon College  
School of the Art Institute of Chicago  
Seattle Pacific University  
Seattle University  
Seton Hill University  
Shasta College  
Shaw University  
Shenandoah University  
Shorter College  
Siena College  
Siena Heights University  
Simmons College  
Simpson College  
Smith College

Sonoma State University  
South Orange County Community College District  
South Texas College  
Southeastern University  
Southern Connecticut State University  
Southern Illinois University Edwardsville  
Southern Illinois University System  
Southern Methodist University  
Southern Nazarene University  
Southern New Hampshire University  
Southwestern University  
Spring Hill College  
Springfield Technical Community College  
St. Ambrose University  
St. Bonaventure University  
St. Catherine University  
St. Edward's University  
St. Francis College  
St. John's University  
St. Mary's College of Maryland  
St. Mary's University - San Antonio  
St. Norbert College  
St. Petersburg College  
Stanford University  
State Center Community College District  
Stella and Charles Guttman Community College  
Stetson University  
Stonehill College  
Stony Brook University  
Suffolk County Community College  
Suffolk University  
Sul Ross State University  
SUNY Brockport  
SUNY Canton  
SUNY Cobleskill  
SUNY College of Optometry  
SUNY Cortland  
SUNY Downstate Medical Center  
SUNY Fredonia  
SUNY Geneseo  
SUNY New Paltz  
SUNY Old Westbury  
SUNY Oneonta  
SUNY Oswego  
SUNY Plattsburgh  
SUNY Polytechnic Institute  
SUNY Potsdam

SUNY Ulster  
Swarthmore College  
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Teachers College, Columbia University  
Temple University  
Texas A&M International University  
Texas A&M University-San Antonio  
Texas Lutheran University  
Texas State University  
Texas Wesleyan University  
Texas Woman's University  
The California State University  
The City College of New York  
The City University of New York  
The College of Idaho  
The College of Mount Saint Vincent  
The College of New Jersey  
The College of Saint Rose  
The College of Wooster  
The Colorado State University System  
The Evergreen State College  
The George Washington University  
The Juilliard School  
The New School  
The Ohio State University  
The Sage Colleges  
The State University of New York System  
The University of Arizona  
The University of Bridgeport  
The University of Houston-Victoria  
The University of New Mexico  
The University of Rhode Island  
The University of Texas at Austin  
The University of Texas at El Paso  
The University of Texas at San Antonio  
The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley  
The University of Toledo  
The University of Vermont  
Thomas Nelson Community College  
Tohono O'odham Community College  
Tompkins Cortland Community College  
Towson University  
Trevecca Nazarene University  
Trinity College  
Trinity University  
Trinity Washington University  
Trocaire College

Tufts University  
Tulane University  
Union College  
Union County College  
Union Institute & University  
United States University  
United Tribes Technical College  
University at Albany  
University at Buffalo  
University of California  
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University of California, Berkeley  
University of California, Davis  
University of California, Irvine  
University of California, Los Angeles  
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University of Colorado Denver  
University of Colorado System  
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University of Evansville  
University of Findlay  
University of Florida  
University of Hawai'i  
University of Hawai'i at Hilo  
University of Idaho  
University of Illinois at Chicago  
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign  
University of Illinois Springfield  
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University of Kentucky  
University of La Verne  
University of Mary Washington  
University of Maryland University College  
University of Maryland, College Park  
University of Massachusetts  
University of Massachusetts Amherst  
University of Massachusetts Boston  
University of Massachusetts Dartmouth  
University of Massachusetts Lowell  
University of Massachusetts Medical School  
University of Michigan  
University of Michigan - Flint  
University of Minnesota Duluth  
University of Minnesota Morris  
University of Minnesota System  
University of Nebraska-Lincoln  
University of New Hampshire  
University of New Haven  
University of New Mexico - Valencia  
University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill  
University of North Carolina at Charlotte  
University of Northern Colorado  
University of Northern Iowa  
University of Northwestern  
University of Notre Dame  
University of Oregon  
University of Pennsylvania  
University of Pittsburgh  
University of Portland  
University of Providence  
University of Puget Sound  
University of Redlands  
University of Richmond  
University of Rochester  
University of Saint Francis  
University of Saint Mary  
University of San Diego  
University of San Francisco  
University of Scranton  
University of South Florida System  
University of Southern California  
University of St. Francis (IL)  
University of Texas Arlington  
University of the District of Columbia  
University of the Pacific



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University of Virginia  
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University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire  
University of Wisconsin-Madison  
University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee  
University of Wisconsin-Parkside  
University of Wisconsin-Platteville  
University of Wisconsin-Whitewater  
University System of Maryland  
Ursinus College  
Ursuline College  
Utica College  
Valencia College  
Valparaiso University  
Vanderbilt University  
Vanguard University  
Vaughn College of Aeronautics and Technology  
Villanova University  
Virginia Commonwealth University  
Virginia Tech  
Virginia Wesleyan University  
Wake Forest University  
Warner Pacific College  
Warner University  
Warren Wilson College  
Wartburg College  
Washington Adventist University  
Washington and Lee University  
Washington University in St. Louis  
Watkins College of Art  
Waubonsee Community College  
Wayne State University  
Weber State University  
Webster University  
Wesleyan College  
Wesleyan University  
West Hills College Lemoore  
West Valley College  
West Virginia State University  
West Virginia University  
Westchester Community College  
Western Governors University  
Western Michigan University  
Western New England University

Western Oregon University  
Western Washington University  
Westmont College  
Wheaton College (MA)  
Whitman College  
Whittier College  
Whitworth University  
Willamette University  
William & Mary  
William Jessup University  
William Paterson University  
Williams College  
Windward Community College  
Winona State University  
Winthrop University  
Wofford College  
Won Institute of Graduate Studies  
Worcester Polytechnic Institute  
Wright State University  
Xavier University  
Xavier University of Louisiana  
Yale University  
York College