DATE

The Honorable FIRST NAME LAST NAME

ADDRESS

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressmember LAST NAME,

**Re: Deferred Action on Childhood Arrivals (DACA) Program**

**Position: Support for DACA and a Pathway to Citizenship for Recipients**

I am writing to inform you **of (INSERT DISTRICT NAME) Community College District’s strong support for the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program** **and a pathway to citizenship for its recipients. DACA** protects over hundreds of thousands of Californians who were brought into this country as minors, attended California schools and are pursuing an education, from the threat of deportation. This program is critical in ensuring all Californians – regardless of immigration status – have access to a higher education. Our district strongly supports DACA because it permits Californians who have spent most of their lives as a resident of this state to obtain a higher education and improve our state’s economy.

Last year, President Trump aimed to eliminate the DACA program, which could have resulted in (**NUMBER OF STUDENTS) at (DISTRICT NAME)** Community College Districtnot being able to achieve their educational goals.By putting this program into limbo, President Trump risks putting the future of many of our students on hold and preventing them from entering the middle class and achieving the American Dream.

Through the California Community Colleges and its system partners at the University of California and the California State University system, California has crafted a higher education system that provides access to affordable, high quality public education institutions. California’s world-famous innovation economy is a result of our extensive higher education system, whether it is bio-medical research in San Diego, Hollywood in Los Angeles or internet startups in Silicon Valley. The elimination of DACA will make it more difficult for companies to hire a well-trained workplace and as a result, the next Apple or Google may be founded elsewhere.

**(DISTRICT NAME)** Community College District urges President Trump to continue to build upon the success of DACA by preserving the program and work with congress to implement a long-term solution that will continue to permit Californians to achieve their educational dreams.

Sincerely,

CC: **DISTRICT NAME** Congressional Delegation