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The Honorable FIRST NAME LAST NAME

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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20515

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

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

Dear Congressmember [Congressional Representative]

I am writing to inform you of my **strong support for the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program** **and a pathway for citizenship for those who have benefited from the program.** DACA protects hundreds of thousand 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. I am in strong support of DACA and the undocumented community because it permits those who are Americans in all but name 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 undocumented students and entire communitiesnot being able to achieve their social and educational goals.By putting this program into limbo, President Trump risks putting the future of many students, workers, and families on hold and fully prevents them from 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.

**I strongly** urge you to continue to build upon the success of DACA by preserving the program and implement a long-term solution that will continue to permit Californians to achieve their educational dreams.

Sincerely,