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The Honorable Randy Hultgren  
2455 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative Hultgren,

Peer Editors

1. All components of the Letter guidelines are present.
2. All subcategories of the guidelines are present.
3. There is a one space between each component of the guidelines.
4. All the lettering is aligned with the left margin.
5. All font is the same size and style (Times New Roman).
6. There are no spelling or grammatical errors.
7. There are no contractions.
8. There is a varied sentence structure throughout the letter.
9. The language used is polite and respectful.

I am concerned that the Administration has decided to rescind DACA protections. These are people whose parents just wanted to provide a better life for their children. I feel fortunate that I did not have to make the life changing and difficult decision to uproot my family in search of more opportunities.

DACA recipients did not actively choose to come to the United States illegally and this country is all that they know. Youth who have paid a fee to apply for DACA have given their personal and family information to the government. They have agreed to pay taxes on any wages they receive through use of the work authorization. Moreover, these young, educated, tax paying individuals are a valuable part of our work force and our communities. Some have chosen to put their lives on the line to serve in our armed forces. For the government to rescind DACA and then to use applicants' information to begin deporting these youth and their families would be inhumane, inequitable, and would undermine the ideas of fairness and compassion that our nation holds dear.

There are nearly 800,000 young people that were given the opportunity to pursue their dream. They have been studying, working, and living without fear of deportation in the country they call home. DACA recipients through their accomplishments have proven just how much we gain from their contributions. Eighty-seven percent of DACA youth are employed, with an additional 8 percent in school. The Center for American Progress (CAP) estimates that ending DACA would mean a loss of \$460.3 billion from the national GDP over the next decade. Additionally, the deportation of DACA youth would cost billions of dollars.

I urge you to support the bipartisan DREAM Act of 2017 that was introduced by Senators Lindsay Graham (R-SC) and Dick Durbin (D-IL), which would grant legal status and a path to citizenship for DACA participants. Please stand up for these youth.

Sincerely,



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