September 21, 2017

The Honorable Paul D. Ryan  The Honorable Mitch McConnell  
Speaker of the House  Senate Majority Leader  
Washington, D.C.  20515  Washington, D.C.  20510

The Honorable Nancy Pelosi  The Honorable Charles E. Schumer  
House Minority Leader  Senate Minority Leader  
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Dear Speaker Ryan and Leaders McConnell, Schumer, and Pelosi,

The undersigned organizations are writing to urge you to quickly enact legislation that would make the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program permanent. The Administration’s troubling decision to rescind DACA would break apart families and target almost a million young individuals who have demonstrated a commitment to educational advancement and being productive members of the workforce.

America is a nation of immigrants. Many DACA participants were brought here when they were very young and have known only the United States as their homeland. This land is their land just as it is ours. They have all received high school diplomas and over a third have gone onto earn or are pursuing degrees from institutions of higher education. These laudable men and women are making substantial contributions to the communities they live, work, and study in and are helping to grow the U.S. economy.

We cannot turn our backs on and break faith with the hundreds of thousands of DACA recipients. They are a significant part of our future and already play key roles in the armed forces, as first responders, in fast-growing STEM fields, and in other vital sectors. It is imperative that Congress act promptly to provide a lasting solution that will formalize DACA. We stand ready to assist you in this critical endeavor.

Sincerely,

Alliance of Crop, Soil and Environmental Science Societies  
American Anthropological Association  
American Association of Geographers  
American Geographical Society  
American Society for Biochemistry and Molecular Biology  
American Society for Cell Biology  
American Society of Agronomy  
Association of Research Libraries  
Brandeis University  
Center for Global Policy Solutions  
Crop Science Society of America  
Farmworker Association of Florida
Global Alliance for Behavioral Health and Social Justice
Linguistic Society of America
NAACP
National Collaborative for Health Equity
National Communication Association
National Latino Farmers & Ranchers Trade Association
Rural Sociological Society
Social Psychology Network
Soil Science Society of America
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