



The President

August 31, 2017

The President
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President:

As your administration considers the future of the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program, I write respectfully to urge you, in the strongest possible terms, to honor the important commitment that our nation has made to these earnest and motivated students. These young people have grown up in our communities, attended our schools, and have both the strong desire and the impressive capacity to make vital contributions to our nation's future economic strength and global competitiveness. They also are vulnerable, and at this moment in time they need the power and compassion of your office to stand up for them.

For the vast majority of DACA students, America is the only country they know. They love our country and are an integral part of the American Dream. They have been extraordinary role models for other students by excelling in their studies and demonstrating a passionate desire to succeed and to make an impact for good in our nation.

DACA students make vital contributions to our nation's economy. These young people work hard and pay taxes even though they are ineligible for welfare benefits, tax-funded student aid, and healthcare subsidies. The deportation of these bright and highly motivated young people would grow the federal deficit, greatly damage the economy, and tear the very fabric of our campuses and communities across the nation.

Mr. President, you have spoken in recent weeks of the need to bring our country together and to bridge racial divides. Allowing these young dreamers the chance to stay and contribute to America's growth and prosperity would be an important step in that direction. Continuing DACA is both the humane thing to do and the smart thing for our economy. I respectfully call on you to allow these valued members of our community to stay here in their home, the United States.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read "Amy Gutmann".

Amy Gutmann