

January 10, 2017

Dear members of Nebraska's Congressional delegation,

As business, civic, religious, and non-profit organizations and community leaders dedicated to the strength and stability of Nebraska communities, we urgently call on Nebraska's members of Congress to work with the incoming Administration to pass legislation to protect the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program recipients and their families.

We have seen strong statewide support for Nebraska youth with DACA and their families. These young Nebraskans are enthusiastically pursuing their education, dedicating their skills and entrepreneurial spirit, and becoming leaders in their communities. DACA has provided these hard-working young Nebraskans and their families with a measure of stability. They are a critical part of our state's social and economic fabric and are actively contributing to local communities and economies.

We strongly urge you to preserve DACA so that these important community members can continue to work hard as teachers, health care professionals, accountants, counselors, and small-business owners. Retaining DACA is the right choice, both morally and economically, while we wait for Congress to pass updated, common-sense immigration laws.

Legislation securing the safety of those with DACA and their families will continue to uplift the many young people who want to put their talents to use and give back to the only country they know as home.

Sincerely,

ACLU of Nebraska  
Anti-Defamation League - Plains States Region  
Senator Roy Baker  
Mayor Chris Beutler, City of Lincoln  
Senator Kate Bolz  
Brown Immigration Law, P.C., L.L.O.  
Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Omaha  
Center for Legal Immigration Assistance  
Center for People in Need  
Center for Rural Affairs  
Centro Hispano Comunitario de Nebraska (Columbus)  
College of St. Mary  
El Centro de las Americas (Lincoln)  
Roger W. Foster, Crete's Mayor  
Grand Island Latino Network  
Great Plains Immigration Rapid Response Team  
Greater Omaha Chamber  
Dr. Tawana Grover, Superintendent, Grand Island Public Schools  
Hall County Community Collaborative  
Senator Burke Harr  
Heartland Workers Center  
Chief Steve Hensel, Chief of Police, Crete

Holland Children's Movement  
Immigrant Detainee Accompaniment Program  
Inclusive Communities  
Steve Joel, Ed.D., Superintendent, Lincoln Public Schools  
Justice for Our Neighbors - Nebraska  
Latino American Commission of Nebraska  
Latino Center of the Midlands  
League of Nebraska Municipalities  
League of Women Voters of Lincoln and Lancaster County  
Lutheran Family Services of Nebraska  
Malcolm X Memorial Foundation  
Senator John McCollister  
Senator Heath Mello  
Senator Adam Morfeld  
NAACP - Lincoln Branch  
National Association of Social Workers, Nebraska Chapter  
National Council of Jewish Women Omaha Section  
Nebraska Appleseed  
Nebraska Catholic Conference  
Nebraska Cattlemen  
Nebraska Head Start Association  
Nebraska Hospital Association  
Nebraska Retail Federation  
Nebraskans for Peace  
Nebraska Restaurant Association  
Nebraska State Education Association  
Omaha Refugee Task Force  
Omaha Together One Community  
OneWorld Community Health Centers  
Peace with Justice Ministries, Great Plains Conference of the United Methodist Church  
Refugee Empowerment Center  
Dave Reinecke, Mayor of Schuyler  
Bishop Ruben Saenz, Jr., Great Plains Conference of the United Methodist Church  
Schlegel Center for Service and Justice at Creighton University  
Senator Paul Schumacher  
Sisters of Mercy West Midwest Community  
South Omaha Community Care Council  
Dr. Maryanne Stevens, RSM, President, College of St. Mary  
Unity in Action (South Sioux City)  
Senator Tony Vargas  
Voices for Children in Nebraska  
Dr. Michael Waters, Superintendent, Crete Public Schools  
YWCA Adams County  
YWCA Lincoln  
YWCA Grand Island