

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
Columbus Area Chamber of Commerce
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
Josh Moenning, Mayor of Norfolk
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 Restaurant Association
Nebraska Retail Federation
Nebraska State Education Association
Nebraskans for Peace
Norfolk Area Chamber of Commerce
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