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The Honorable Donald J. Trump
President of the United States of America
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

I strongly urge you to extend the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program and to work with Congress so those registered in the program can continue their positive contributions to this country.

Dismantling DACA would hurt vulnerable young people who have great potential to contribute much to the United States of America. As chancellor of a leading research university that draws the best and brightest minds—students, faculty and staff—to one of the world's finest undergraduate and professional education experiences and research enterprises, I believe that abandoning DACA would not be in our national interest. Rather than diminishing opportunities for young people to grow, learn and contribute to making the world better, we should embrace them and help them succeed here in our country.

At Washington University in St. Louis, our community draws strength through our differences. We will continue to welcome the most talented individuals from all countries to teach, study, and carry out research and scholarship. I hope you will advance federal policy that supports that goal.

With best regards,

Sincerely yours,

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