

# Congress of the United States

Washington, D.C. 20515

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The Honorable Kevin Yoder  
Chairman  
House Committee on Appropriations  
Subcommittee on Homeland Security  
HT-2, The Capitol  
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Lucille Roybal-Allard  
Ranking Member  
House Committee on Appropriations  
Subcommittee on Homeland Security  
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Dear Chairman Yoder and Ranking Member Roybal-Allard,

As you continue work on the Fiscal Year 2019 Homeland Security Appropriations bill, we write to urge you to ensure that appropriated funds are not utilized to deport those individuals who are eligible to participate in the Deferred Action for Child Arrivals (DACA) program.

Since its creation in 2012, the DACA program has provided protection from Deportation to hundreds of thousands of young people who were brought here as children, and who seek to contribute to their adopted country through work and study. Furthermore, the DACA program gave hope to many more DREAMers who were eligible for the program and intended to apply. However, as you know, in September 2017, the Trump administration nullified the DACA program, placing in jeopardy the future of those young people who had already received protection through DACA, and crushing the dreams of those who were eligible for the program's benefits, but had not yet applied.

In the past several months, judges in California, New York, and Maryland have issued rulings regarding the administration's decision to end DACA. Those rulings have obliged the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services to process renewal applications of current and former DACA participants, and to refrain from sharing identifying information of DACA beneficiaries. Additionally, a judge in the District of Columbia has ruled that DACA would be fully reinstated unless the Trump Administration adequately justifies the DACA nullification within 90 days of his ruling, which was handed down on April 24, 2018.

At the same time, Members of Congress in both chambers have been working on a bipartisan basis to find a legislative path forward for DREAMers. In particular, Representatives Jeff Denham, Will Hurd, and Carlos Curbelo have sought support for a "Queen of the Hill" rule to identify the DACA fix with the broadest support among House members. If adopted, H.Res 774 would provide for consideration of four different DACA fixes, including one Democratic-sponsored bill and three Republican-sponsored bills; the bill receiving the greatest number of votes would be considered as adopted by the House of Representatives.

We are committed to continuing to work through the legislative process to find a solution that protects DREAMers and allows them to contribute to our nation through work and study, free from the fear that comes from the prospect of deportation to countries that many DREAMers

barely know. As these negotiations continue, and as the various legal challenges to DACA nullification proceed, we respectfully urge you to ensure, through the inclusion of reasonable limitations on Immigration and Customs Enforcement funding in the Fiscal Year 2019 Homeland Security Appropriations Act, that taxpayer funds are not utilized to deport DREAMers.

Thank you for considering this request, and for all of your work on the Fiscal Year 2019 Homeland Security Appropriations Act.

Sincerely,



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Member of Congress



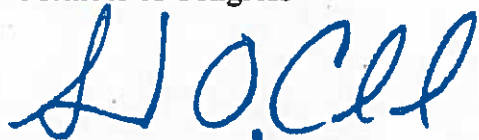
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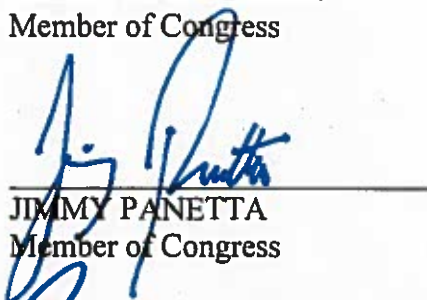
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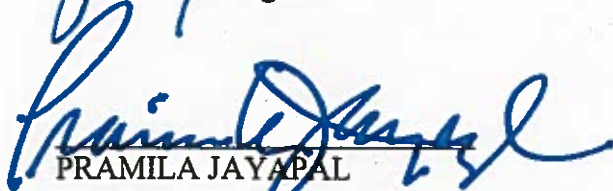
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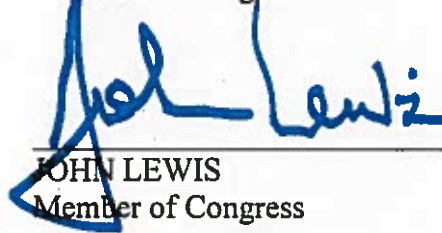
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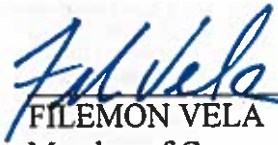
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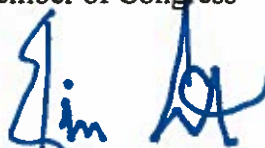
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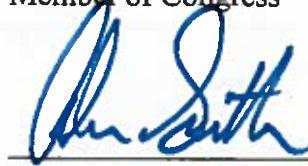
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