

***Faculty Senate  
University of Notre Dame***

Senator \_\_\_\_\_

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Washington, D.C. 20510

October 17, 2017

Dear Senator:

The Faculty Senate of the University of Notre Dame urges you to work on and pass legislation within the next five months that will continue the current protections of the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program.

There is currently a sizeable number of undergraduates at the University of Notre Dame who rely on the protection of DACA and who would be profoundly and adversely affected by its discontinuation. In a public statement on September 5, 2017, the President of the University of Notre Dame, John I. Jenkins, expressed the following:

A decision to discontinue DACA would be foolish, cruel and un-American. Foolish because it drives away talented people the country needs; cruel because it abandons people who have done nothing wrong and have known life only in the United States; and un-American because we have always welcomed immigrants to our land of opportunity.

In coming days, I hope to meet with congressional leaders to argue for a permanent fix to this pressing problem. In the meantime, Notre Dame will continue to support DACA students financially, maintain their enrollment even if Congress fails to act and provide expert legal assistance should it become necessary.

The Faculty Senate is in complete agreement with Father Jenkins in this. We therefore ask that you help pass legislation that will extend the guarantees of DACA into the future. DACA recipients number almost 800,000 people. They are neighbors, co-workers, members of our faith communities, and students in our classes, who have lived here essentially all their lives and know no other home.

The Faculty Senate of the University of Notre Dame is made up of a politically and intellectually diverse group of individuals who represent an even more diverse group of faculty members across the university. The undersigned members of the Faculty Senate are united in the belief that DACA should be continued and that DACA students enrich our communities as they enrich the University of Notre Dame.

DACA students are valued members of the Notre Dame family. We stand by them. They should have the right to continue their education with us.

Sincerely,

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