Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515-1402
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Ben Heller
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Dear Ben:

Thank you for contacting me with regard to President Trump’s decision to end the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program. I appreciate your taking the time to inform me of your thoughts on this important issue.

The DACA program was established by the Obama administration in 2012 to allow individuals who came to this country illegally as minors and who meet several other requirements to be considered for relief from deportation for two years. These individuals may renew their DACA status every two years through a United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) review. President Trump recently announced that his administration will end the DACA program after a period of six months, referring the issue to Congress to resolve.

In so doing, President Trump is restoring the proper constitutional role of the legislative and executive branches. H.R. 3440, the Dream Act of 2017, would prevent the deportation of people protected under the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program and grant them lawful permanent resident status. This legislation has been referred to the House Judiciary Committee and the Education and the Workforce Committee, where it awaits further action. I will be sure to keep your thoughts in mind if H.R. 3440 comes to the House floor for a vote.

Our immigration system is broken, and we have an opportunity to address this issue, secure our borders, and strengthen enforcement. I look forward to working with my colleagues and the president to find a long-term, commonsense solution.

Please know there is no greater honor than serving the hardworking Hoosiers of Indiana’s 2nd District. If you would like updates on the actions I have taken in Congress, please visit my website at www.walorski.house.gov to sign up for my e-newsletter. Thank you again for contacting me.

Sincerely,

Jackie Walorski

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