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Dear Ben:

Thank you for contacting me about the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program. I appreciate hearing from you.

As you may know, former President Obama unilaterally created DACA through an executive order in June 2012 to provide legal status to certain young people who were brought to the United States as children of illegal immigrants. The constitutionality of this executive action has been widely questioned, as it exceeds the traditional limits of prosecutorial discretion and is in contravention with existing immigration laws.

On September 5, 2017, President Trump announced his decision to phase out the DACA program over a six month period, providing a window of opportunity for Congress to enact a legislative solution. Like you, I believe the details of DACA's phase out are critically important. I am eager to work alongside my colleagues in Congress to identify a legislative solution that secures our borders, restores rule of law, and addresses the uncertainty surrounding the phase out of DACA.

Again, thank you for contacting me to share your thoughts about DACA. I really appreciate your input on this important issue and I hope you will continue to contact me in the future on issues you care about.

Sincerely,

Luke Messer  
Member of Congress

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