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## CALIFORNIA CONGRESSIONAL DELGATION

Dear Members of Congress:

When the Supreme Court decision on Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) came down, many of us were relieved, of course, but we were also acutely aware our victory provided only temporary protection for the thousands of young people who have relied on DACA to live, work, and study in the only country they know as home.

The University of California is very grateful to the members of Congress who joined the amicus brief in support of our case. Now there is an urgent need for us to go further.

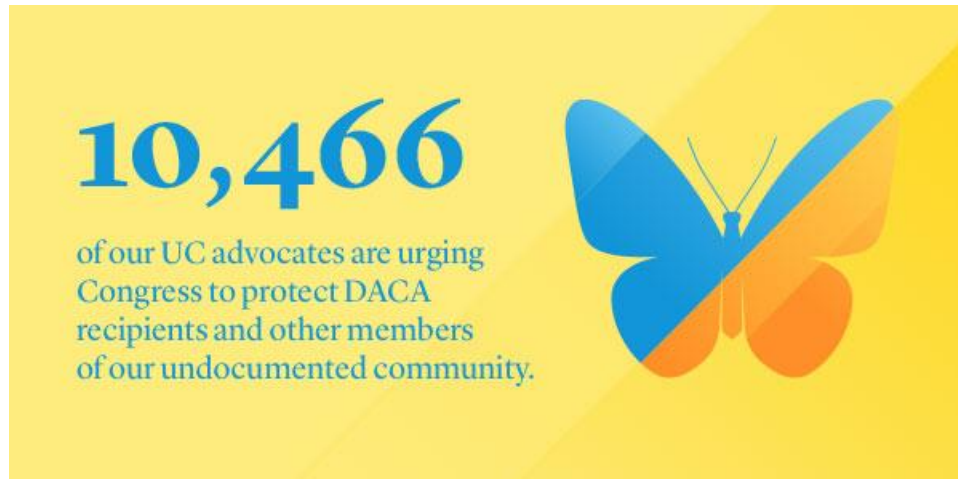
As you know, the Supreme Court took issue with how the Trump Administration rescinded DACA, but it did not affirmatively protect DACA or its recipients. Adding to this uncertainty, the Administration has given conflicting signals about another attempt at a rescission of the program, and it continues to try and impose restrictions on our international students.

Given all of these unsettling factors, **we are now calling on Congress to take immediate action to permanently protect DACA recipients and other members of our undocumented community.**

The U.S. House of Representatives has taken an important first step by passing H.R. 6, the American Dream and Promise Act. As difficult as current political circumstances are, we implore the House and Senate to now work together to immediately reach agreement on legislation that can be passed and signed by the president. However narrow a window there may be, if there is any chance to move now to enact the protections and provide the certainty our students need and deserve, then that chance must be taken.

This issue is of critical importance not only for the University of California and the state and communities we serve as an engine of economic growth and social mobility, but for communities all over the United States.

The University of California Advocacy Network, comprised of some of UC's most effective supporters from across the nation, has made this issue a key priority. Following the Supreme Court's decision, more than 10,400 advocates [signed our pledge](#) calling on Congress to pass legislation that would protect DACA recipients and other members of our undocumented community.



In addition to our call to action to protect DACA, UC is very concerned that the U.S. Department of Homeland Security and the U.S. Citizenship and Information Services (USCIS) have not begun processing new DACA applications and DACA renewals, depriving qualified applicants of their ability to participate in the economy and society.

Congress must require DHS and USCIS to immediately ensure that applications for DACA renewals are processed in a timely manner and that the agencies make it clear to Congress and the American people how USCIS plans to carry out the processing of new applications for DACA and Parole in Place requests.

The power to fully implement the promise of DACA is in your hands. The University of California stands as a partner in every way possible to make that happen.

Yours very truly,

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