CALIFORNIA CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION

Dear Members of Congress:

On behalf of the 10 campuses of the University of California (UC), which represent more than 280,000 students, 227,000 faculty, staff, and other academics, and 2 million alumni, we write with an urgent call for Congress to pass H.R.6, the American Dream and Promise Act of 2019, to protect dreamers, as well as recipients of Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA), Temporary Protected Status (TPS) and Deferred Enforced Departure (DED) in California and across the nation.

The University of California has long recognized the economic and societal contributions of the nation’s immigrant community, and our campuses have worked tirelessly to provide these students with equitable access to the nation’s largest public research university system. The DACA program enabled many of these dreamers to study and live without fear of deportation, and the American Dream and Promise Act would provide these and other immigrants whose legal status is at risk with the permanent legislative solution they need to continue to thrive in our country.

Additional provisions in the American Dream and Promise Act would provide immigrants who sought refuge in the United States following disasters and other extraordinary circumstances in their former home countries—individuals with TPS and DED—with legal protections and the certainty that they may continue to contribute to our state, country, and economy, much as they have since they arrived in the United States, many of them more than a decade ago.

Securing passage of the American Dream and Promise Act in the House of Representatives—as well as companion legislation in the U.S. Senate—provides Congress with an exceptional opportunity to demonstrate its support for equity and fairness of opportunity for all who call the United States home, and is fundamental to UC’s core principles of community. We urge you to vote in support of H.R. 6 to make this dream a reality.
If you have questions about how the American Dream and Promise Act would affect our institutions or would like to learn more about the work we do in your district, please contact Chris Harrington (Chris.Harrington@ucdc.edu, (202) 974-6314).

Yours very truly,

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