



October 23, 2017

Dear Member of the United States Congress:

I write on behalf of the undersigned community colleges – large and small; urban, suburban and rural; and with widely varying student populations and programs. But each and every community college is dedicated to the proposition that accessible, high-quality college education should be available to all those who aspire to it.

The president's decision to rescind the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program has created turmoil and anxiety on community college campuses across the country. The president's action gives Congress the enormous responsibility of acting quickly and definitively to ensure that DACA-covered students can continue to concentrate on their studies without fear of deportation or other disruptions.

Now is the time to enact the Dream Act, or something similar, to help thousands of DACA recipients pursue and achieve their dreams of a higher education. For many DACA recipients, the U.S. has been the only place they've ever called home. They must meet stringent requirements to qualify for the program. With the DACA work authorization, recipients are making enormous economic, social, and civic contributions. They should be encouraged to stay in our country, not face deportation.

As leaders in our local communities, community colleges hope that a bipartisan solution on this compelling issue can be reached quickly. We stand ready to provide any support needed to achieve this. Our students deserve nothing less.

Sincerely,

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On behalf of:

American River College  
Anne Arundel Community College  
Arizona Western College  
Association of Florida Colleges  
Baltimore City Community College  
Bay de Noc Community College  
Bellevue College  
Bergen Community College  
Big Bend Community College  
Black Hawk College  
Blue Ridge Community College  
Brookhaven College



Broward College  
Bucks County Community College  
Cabrillo College  
California Community Colleges  
Camden County College  
Cape Cod Community College  
Capital Community College  
Carl Sandburg College  
Carroll Community College  
Central Community College  
Central Lakes College  
Central Oregon Community College  
Central Virginia Community College  
Centralia College  
Chandler-Gilbert Community College  
Chemeketa Community College  
City Colleges of Chicago  
Clackamas Community College  
Clatsop Community College  
Clover Park Technical College  
Coast Community College District  
Coastline Community College  
College of Lake County  
College of Southern Maryland  
College of Southern Nevada  
Columbia Gorge Community College  
Community College League of California  
Community College of Allegheny County  
Community College of Baltimore County  
Community College of Beaver County  
Community College of Philadelphia  
Community College of Rhode Island  
Cosumnes River College  
Cumberland County College  
Cuyahoga Community College  
Cuyamaca College  
Dabney S. Lancaster Community College  
Danville Area Community College  
Delaware County Community College  
Delta College



Eastern Gateway Community College  
Eastern New Mexico University Ruidoso Branch Community College  
Eastern Shore Community College  
Edmonds Community College  
Essex County College  
Folsom Lake College  
Forsyth Technical Community College  
Fox Valley Technical College  
Frederick Community College  
Germanna Community College  
Golden West College  
Grand Rapids Community College  
Greenville Technical College  
Grossmont-Cuyamaca Community College District  
Guildford Technical Community College  
HACC, Central Pennsylvania's Community College  
Heartland Community College  
Highland Community College  
Highline College  
Howard Community College  
Illinois Central College  
Illinois Community College Board  
Illinois Community College Trustees Association  
Illinois Valley Community College  
Iowa Valley Community College District  
J. Sargeant Reynolds Community College  
Jackson College  
John A. Logan College  
John Wood Community College  
Joliet Junior College  
Kansas City Kansas Community College  
Kaskaskia College  
Kentucky Community and Technical College System  
Kirkwood Community College  
Kishwaukee College  
Labette Community College  
LaGuardia Community College  
Lake Land College  
Lake Superior College  
Lane Community College



Lewis and Clark Community College  
Lorain County Community College  
Lord Fairfax Community College  
Los Angeles Community College District  
Los Rios Community College District  
Macomb Community College  
Malcolm X College  
Manchester Community College  
McLennan Community College  
Mercer County Community College  
Mid Michigan Community College  
Middlesex County College  
Minneapolis Community and Technical College  
Minnesota State College Southeast  
Minnesota State Colleges and Universities  
Monroe Community College  
Montcalm Community College  
Moraine Valley Community College  
Morton College  
Mountain Empire Community College  
Mt. Hood Community College  
Nevada System of Higher Education  
New Mexico Association of Community Colleges  
Normandale Community College  
North Central Michigan College  
North Hennepin Community College  
North Shore Community College  
Northampton Community College  
Northeast Higher Education District  
Northeast Iowa Community College  
Northeastern Junior College  
Northern Essex Community College  
Northern Virginia Community College  
Northwest Iowa Community College  
Oakton Community College  
Orange County Community College  
Oregon Higher Education Coordinating Commission  
Parkland College  
Passaic County Community College  
Patrick Henry Community College



Paul D. Camp Community College  
Pennsylvania Highlands Community College  
Phoenix College  
Piedmont Virginia Community College  
Portland Community College  
Prairie State College  
Prince George's Community College  
Reading Area Community College  
Renton Technical College  
Rio Hondo College  
Rochester Community and Technical College  
Rogue Community College  
Sacramento City College  
Saddleback College and Irvine Valley College  
Saint Paul College  
Salt Lake Community College  
San Diego Community College District  
Sauk Valley Community College  
Schenectady County Community College  
Seattle Colleges  
Seminole State College  
Shasta College  
Skagit Valley College  
Southwest Virginia Community College  
South Suburban College  
Southeastern Community College  
Southside Virginia Community College  
Southwestern Illinois College  
Southwestern Oregon Community College  
Spoon River College  
St. Clair County Community College  
St. Cloud Technical & Community College  
State Board Community and Technical Colleges of Washington State  
Stella and Charles Guttman Community College  
Suffolk County Community College  
The City University of New York  
The State University of New York System  
Thomas Nelson Community College  
Tidewater Community College  
Tillamook Bay Community College



Trident Technical College  
Truckee Meadows Community College  
Tulsa Community College  
Union County College  
University of Alaska  
University of Arkansas - Cossatot  
Virginia Community College System  
Virginia Western Community College  
Wallace Community College Selma  
Wallace State Community College  
Waubonsee Community College  
Wenatchee Valley College  
Whatcom Community College  
William Rainey Harper College  
Wyoming Community College Commission  
Wytheville Community College  
Yakima Valley College