

April 24, 2018

The Honorable Jeff Denham  
U.S. House of Representatives  
1730 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington DC 20515

Dear Congressman Denham,

On behalf of the American Council on Education (ACE), which represents nearly 1,800 colleges, universities, and higher education organizations, I write to you in support of your efforts to bring bipartisan bills providing a permanent solution for Deferred Action on Childhood Arrivals (DACA) recipients to the House floor, including those as part of House Resolution (H.Res.) 774. We applaud your leadership on this issue and urge you to continue to work toward what President Trump requested when he rescinded the DACA policy: a long-term legislative fix approved by Congress as soon as possible to protect Dreamers, those outstanding young people brought to our country as children.

ACE and the higher education community have advocated for such legislative action for more than a decade. Following the rescission of DACA last year, more than 800 college and university presidents sent a letter urging lawmakers to pass legislation to protect DACA registrants, as did nearly 80 higher education associations.<sup>1</sup> These high-achieving and talented individuals are Americans in every way but immigration status, and are making countless positive contributions to our nation. They are our students and colleagues; they are teachers, health-care professionals, and police officers; and they are serving in our military. They have been living in fear and uncertainty for far too long. We would not tolerate any other segment of our population, let alone these exceptional individuals, being left in limbo this way.

The 244 co-sponsors of your resolution demonstrate the widespread bipartisan support for protecting Dreamers and bringing legislation that does so to the floor. We applaud your efforts and look forward to continuing to work with you on this important matter.

Sincerely,



Ted Mitchell  
President

Cc: The Honorable Pete Aguilar  
The Honorable Will Hurd  
The Honorable Michelle Lujan Grisham

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<sup>1</sup> <http://www.acenet.edu/news-room/Documents/Letter-to-Congress-on-DACA-Oct-2017.pdf>