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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) and the undersigned higher education associations, I write to thank you and your colleagues (as copied below) who support House Resolution 774 as a vehicle to bring bipartisan bills to the House floor providing a permanent solution for Deferred Action on Childhood Arrivals (DACA) recipients. Together, ACE and the undersigned higher education associations represent approximately 4,300 two- and four-year public and private nonprofit colleges and universities.

We applaud the leadership of you and your colleagues on this issue and urge you to continue to push to enact a long-term legislative fix to protect the Dreamers as soon as possible. This is precisely the approach President Trump called for when he rescinded the DACA policy last September. Indeed, in February, President Trump proposed that Congress approve a fix that would extend legal status to 1.8 million Dreamers, including all of those who have been enrolled in DACA, and provide them with a pathway to citizenship.

Colleges and universities have seen these remarkable individuals up close, in our classrooms and as our colleagues and friends. Last fall, more than 800 college and university presidents sent a letter urging lawmakers to pass legislation as soon as possible to protect DACA registrants, as did nearly 80 higher education associations. As our letters noted, the Dreamers were brought to the United States at a young age, did not have a choice in the matter, and are today Americans in every way but immigration status. It remains in America's best interest to enable them to use their knowledge, skills, and energy to continue to make the strongest possible contribution to our country. The longer Congress takes to act, the harder it becomes for these individuals to continue their studies, work at their jobs, or to serve in the military.

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

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Sincerely,



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President

On behalf of:

ACPA-College Student Educators International  
American Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admission Officers  
American Association of Community Colleges  
American Association of State Colleges and Universities  
American College Health Association  
American Council on Education  
American Indian Higher Education Consortium  
Association of American Colleges and Universities  
Association of American Universities  
Association of Catholic Colleges and Universities  
Association of Community College Trustees  
Association of Governing Boards of Universities and Colleges  
Association of Jesuit Colleges and Universities  
Association of Public and Land-grant Universities  
Association of Research Libraries  
Coalition of Urban and Metropolitan Universities  
College and University Professional Association for Human Resources  
Consortium of Universities of the Washington Metropolitan Area  
Council for Advancement and Support of Education  
Council of Graduate Schools  
Council of Independent Colleges  
EDUCAUSE  
Hispanic Association of Colleges and Universities  
NASPA- Student Affairs Administrators in Higher Education  
National Association for College Admission Counseling  
National Association of College and University Business Officers  
National Association of Colleges and Employers  
National Association of Equal Opportunity in Higher Education  
National Association of Independent Colleges and Universities  
National Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators  
National Association of System Heads  
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