May 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) 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 This is precisely the approach President Trump called for when he rescinded the DACA policy last September.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.
Thank you letter to Rep. Denham et al. re: H. Res. 774
May 24, 2018
Page 2

Sincerely,

Ted Mitchell
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
The Common Application
Thurgood Marshall College Fund
UPCEA
cc: The Honorable Mark Amodei
    The Honorable Don Bacon
    The Honorable Joe Barton
    The Honorable Susan Brooks
    The Honorable Mike Coffman
    The Honorable Chris Collins
    The Honorable Ryan Costello
    The Honorable Carlos Curbelo
    The Honorable Rodney Davis
    The Honorable Daniel Donovan
    The Honorable John Faso
    The Honorable Brian Fitzpatrick
    The Honorable Matt Gaetz
    The Honorable Jenniffer Gonzalez-Colon
    The Honorable Randy Hultgren
    The Honorable Will Hurd
    The Honorable Darrell Issa
    The Honorable Bill Johnson
    The Honorable David Joyce
    The Honorable John Katko
    The Honorable Peter King
    The Honorable Stephen Knight
    The Honorable Leonard Lance
    The Honorable Billy Long
    The Honorable Mia Love
    The Honorable Thomas MacArthur
    The Honorable Brian Mast
    The Honorable Erik Paulsen
    The Honorable Bruce Poliquin
    The Honorable Tom Reed
    The Honorable David Reichert
    The Honorable Thomas Rooney
    The Honorable Ileana Ros-Lehtinen
    The Honorable David Rouzer
    The Honorable Bill Shuster
    The Honorable Michael Simpson
    The Honorable Christopher Smith
    The Honorable Elise Stefanik
    The Honorable Chris Stewart
    The Honorable Steve Stivers
    The Honorable Scott Taylor
    The Honorable David Trott
    The Honorable Fred Upton
    The Honorable David Valadao
    The Honorable David Young
The Honorable Don Young