



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

August 24, 2017

The Honorable Donald J. Trump
President of the United States
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Ave NW
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President:

I write to ask that you maintain the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program and seek a more permanent solution to help these young people continue to contribute to their communities and our nation's prosperity in the years to come.

Since its inception in 2012, DACA has allowed more than 800,000 youth to live with their families, pursue an education and get a job in cities and states across America. These are young people who have been well vetted as part of the application process and are committed to becoming productive members of our society. We should know here in California. No other state is more impacted. In fact, more than a quarter of the program's participants reside here – and we've seen the benefits firsthand.

To uproot these young people from the only country they have known as home is to turn our back on the future. It is cruel and it runs counter to the ideals this country was founded on. I urge you to maintain this program and work with Congress to pass the DREAM Act of 2017 so that DACA recipients may have a pathway to permanent legal status and eventual citizenship in the United States.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Edmund G. Brown Jr.", with a large, stylized flourish at the end.

Edmund G. Brown Jr.