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MARC TESSIER-LAVIGNE
President

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The President
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President,

I write to express strong support for the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program and urge your Administration to continue the current program at least until a statutory solution can be enacted for our nation's DREAMers.

DACA has enabled thousands of promising students to contribute to our country's future. These young people are already full-fledged members of our communities but, through no fault of their own, face uncertain futures due to their immigration status. They have met DACA's strict criteria, have records of academic achievement and community involvement, and have contributed to our economy. At Stanford, we have seen first-hand that investing in their education is an investment in our country's future, as they apply their talents to strengthening our society and to driving economic growth. In keeping with our deeply held American values, they deserve the opportunity to have legal resident status and to flourish in our society.

We understand that fair and just reforms of our nation's overall immigration system present complex issues that require legislative solutions. Stanford has long supported immigration reform efforts that balance national security concerns with policies that embody the American values of opportunity and fairness, and that strengthen our economy through advancements in technology, science and other disciplines. In that context, we strongly urge you to support the DREAM Act of 2017 to provide permanent residence and a path to citizenship for our country's DREAMers.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Marc Tessier-Lavigne".

Marc Tessier-Lavigne