September 6, 2017

Representative Paul Ryan, Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives, Wisconsin 1st District
Senator Mitch McConnell, U.S. Senate Majority Leader
Senator Ron Johnson, U.S. Senate
Senator Tammy Baldwin, U.S. Senate
Congressman Mark Pocan, U.S. House of Representatives, Wisconsin 2nd District
Congressman Ron Kind, U.S. House of Representatives, Wisconsin 3rd District
Congresswoman Gwen Moore, U.S. House of Representatives, Wisconsin 4th District
Congressman James Sensenbrenner, Jr., U.S. House of Representatives, Wisconsin 5th District
Congressman Glenn Grothman, U.S. House of Representatives, Wisconsin 6th District
Congressman Sean Duffy, U.S. House of Representatives, Wisconsin 7th District
Congressman Mike Gallagher, U.S. House of Representatives, Wisconsin 8th District

Dear Speaker Ryan, Senate Majority Leader McConnell, and Wisconsin Senators and Representatives,

With the announcement by the administration to rescind the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program following a six-month delay, I am writing to urge members of Congress to swiftly approve legislation that will enable qualified DACA individuals to remain in the U.S.

Ending this program without having a permanent legislative solution in place puts at risk an estimated 800,000 DACA participants, including currently enrolled students at Wisconsin colleges and universities.

As has been noted by numerous prominent business leaders, abruptly rescinding opportunities for DACA participants, many of whom have lived most of their lives in the U.S., will negatively affect businesses across the country. The U.S. needs talented, hard-working, diverse individuals to maintain our competitive edge in the global economy.

In March, I joined more than 560 university presidents and chancellors as a signatory to a letter urging President Trump to commit to allowing these promising young people to continue to study and work in the U.S. Now that the administration has made the decision to rescind DACA, it is up to our elected representatives in Congress to take action that will avert the many potential negative consequences to our national interest should DACA end without an appropriate legislative solution in place.

In the past, lawmakers have expressed bipartisan support for DACA participants and legislation such as the BRIDGE Act, the RAC Act and DREAM Act. I have great confidence that Congress can come together to resolve this important issue on behalf of the nearly one-million DACA participants and our country.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

James C. Schmidt
Chancellor

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