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CALIFORNIA CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION

Dear Members of Congress:

As California's education leaders, we urge the United States Congress to immediately enact the bipartisan legislation that will protect our nation's Dreamers which would provide long-term security for Dreamers to continue to live and contribute to their local communities and, following a rigorous process, be eligible to apply for American citizenship.

We are deeply disappointed by President Trump's callous and misguided decision to effectively end the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program. This is a step backward for our nation—a nation built by immigrants. It unnecessarily punishes hundreds of thousands of bright young people who were brought to this country as children and are contributing members of American society. America is their home and today's action will not only derail futures, but it will deprive California and the nation of the promise and potential DACA participants possess.

We know that our communities are safer and our economy is stronger when all students have access to a world-class education. We will continue to stand with DACA participants, fight alongside them to keep the program alive, provide them with educational opportunities, and protect and support all current and future students who rely on the program.

We stand ready to assist Congress in any way we can. Thank you for your leadership.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Janet Napolitano".

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