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Dear Members of the Iowa Congressional Delegation:

As presidents of Iowa’s Regent universities, we urge you to take immediate action on the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) policy and pass legislation to permanently protect “Dreamers,” outstanding young people brought to our country as children.

Dreamers contribute to our country in many ways, they are achievers and innovators at our universities, and they’re gaining the knowledge and skills to help advance the economic and cultural vitality of the state of Iowa. We urge you to find a permanent legislative solution that will allow these bright, young people to continue to contribute to our society and economy by working, serving in the military, or attending college. If we are unable or unwilling to protect Dreamers, we will be driving out a generation of individuals in which we have already invested with incredible skills and knowledge who are giving their best to our state and country.

We care deeply about all of our students – from all backgrounds and circumstances. We respectfully ask that you support a permanent legislative solution for the DACA policy that will offer stable protection for Dreamers. Thank you for your consideration of our request.

Sincerely,

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