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FLORIDA CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION

Dear Members of Congress,

As President of the University of Florida, I am writing to urge you to take action to end the untenable situation created by the cancellation of the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program, which provides the opportunity for students of undocumented status to study and work in the United States lawfully. At the University of Florida, we estimate there are hundreds of students who, through no fault of their own, are here in an undocumented capacity. These are some of our brightest young people who are now studying business, medicine, education, engineering and other areas critical to our country. They are ready to be productive citizens in their communities and in this country.

In November, the University of Florida joined a number of universities in a statement of support of DACA students. Now an opportunity has arisen again for action. I urge you to reach a compromise to permanently protect DACA participants or sign House Resolution 744, the discharge petition pending in the House of Representatives that will allow consideration of DACA legislation.

Sincerely,

Kent Fuchs