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OFFICE OF THE CHANCELLOR

August 31, 2017

The Honorable Donald J. Trump
President of the United States
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20500

Dear President Trump:

On behalf of the Los Angeles Community College District (LACCD) – one of the largest community college districts and public higher education institutions in the country – we write to respectfully urge the upholding of the 2012 Executive Order creating the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program. Currently, DACA protects nearly 800,000 young men and women who arrived in the United States as children, allowing them to work, enroll and complete postsecondary education.

The Los Angeles Community College District is comprised of nine, accredited colleges that offer opportunities to over 200,000 students from forty cities and communities throughout the County of Los Angeles. Our District serves one of the largest DACA enrollments in the United States. These students are among the hardest working, and most productive and successful students enrolled at our colleges. Denying these students access to higher education and employment will not only deprive them of access to the American dream, but it will deprive our nation of a young and vibrant workforce that contributes to our nation's economic health, stability and prosperity for generations to come.

We strongly urge you to protect DACA recipients and ensure that these young men and women have the chance to succeed and to experience the opportunities afforded by this great nation.

Sincerely,

A black ink signature of Francisco C. Rodriguez, Ph.D., consisting of a large, stylized 'F' and 'R'.

Francisco C. Rodriguez, Ph.D.
Chancellor

A blue ink signature of Sydney K. Kamlager-Dove, written in a cursive style.

Sydney K. Kamlager-Dove
President, Board of Trustees

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Governor Edmund G. Brown, Jr.
California Attorney General Xavier Becerra