



American Business  
Immigration Coalition

PRESIDENTS' | ON HIGHER EDUCATION  
ALLIANCE | AND IMMIGRATION

The Honorable U.S. Senator Chuck Schumer  
Hart Senate Office Building, 322  
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable U.S. Senator Mitch McConnell  
317 Russell Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510

July 19, 2021

Dear Leader Chuck Schumer and Leader Mitch McConnell,

As business, education, civic and faith leaders around the country we join together to call on the U.S. Senate to pass the bipartisan Dream Act of 2021, reintroduced by Senators Dick Durbin (D-IL) and Lindsey Graham (R-SC), which would provide Dreamers, their families, and the employers who depend on them much-needed certainty following years of legal limbo.

Nearly 80 percent of all voters and more than half of Republican voters believe in protecting these young immigrants, according to a [Pew Research Center Poll](#). Yet the decision issued by Texas federal district court Judge Andrew Hanen threatens the very existence of Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA), which protects Dreamers from deportation. **The decision blocks any new initial applications for DACA. While Judge Hanen allowed current DACA recipients to continue filing their renewals, he warned that an order stopping the processing of renewals could be issued in the near future.**

This decision throws into further limbo the lives of hundreds of thousands of young Dreamers, and gravely impacts their employers, families, and communities. It makes starkly clear why Congress must seize the opportunity to finally pass the bipartisan Dream Act of 2021, and end this constant rollercoaster of lawsuits and uncertainty. If Congress cannot move forward swiftly in a bipartisan manner, then we call on the Senate and Congress to pursue a roadmap to citizenship through all available mechanisms — including budget reconciliation. Inaction is unacceptable in 2021.

This relief is particularly critical for the 98,000 Dreamers who graduate from high school every year and the 427,000 undocumented students enrolled in institutions of higher education. These students are working diligently to advance themselves, including pursuing careers in health, STEM, and teaching, notwithstanding the uncertainty they live with regarding whether they will be able to complete their education, invest in beginning careers, businesses, and families, and ultimately become citizens.



American Business  
Immigration Coalition

PRESIDENTS' ALLIANCE | ON HIGHER EDUCATION  
AND IMMIGRATION

Dreamers are pillars of our nation's economy and communities - 93 percent of them are employed, they pay close to \$10 billion in taxes, and they carry nearly \$20 billion in [spending power](#). Nearly 40,000 Dreamers have started businesses and created new jobs for American workers, growing our entrepreneurial spirit. Dreamers are on the frontlines of the pandemic response. Almost 200,000 are essential workers - first responders, restaurant and grocery store workers, childcare providers and almost 30,000 healthcare workers, including doctors and nurses.

We urge the Senate to come together and immediately provide a pathway to citizenship for DACA recipients and DACA-eligible individuals through the passage of the bipartisan DREAM Act, and if necessary, through budget reconciliation. We understand that no bill is perfect, but we believe this existing bipartisan bill is the best framework to protect Dreamers rather than starting over with new legislation.

Sincerely,

**Signatories include the following. For a complete list, click [here](#):**

**Woody Hunt**, Senior Chairman, Hunt Companies, and Co-Chair of the American Business Immigration Coalition

**John Rowe**, Chairman Emeritus, Exelon Corporation, and Co-Chair of the American Business Immigration Coalition

**Mike Fernandez**, Chairman and CEO, MBF Healthcare Partners, and Co-Chair of the American Business Immigration Coalition

**Louis Caldera**, Co-Founder, Presidents' Alliance on Higher Education and Immigration, Co-Chair, Presidents' Alliance on Higher Education and Immigration Steering Committee

**Nancy Cantor**, Chancellor, Rutgers University – Newark; Co-Chair, Presidents' Alliance on Higher Education and Immigration Steering Committee

**Elsa M. Núñez**, President, Eastern CT State University, Co-Chair, Presidents' Alliance on Higher Education and Immigration Steering Committee

**Alan W. Cramb**, President, Illinois Institute of Technology

**Sam Scott**, Chairman and CEO, Ingredion Incorporated - Retired



American Business  
Immigration Coalition

PRESIDENTS' | ON HIGHER EDUCATION  
ALLIANCE | AND IMMIGRATION

**Chris Wallace**, Texas

**Craig Duchossois**, Chairman, the Duchossois Group

**Bob Page**, Chairman and CEO, Replacements, Ltd.

**Tony Allen**, President, Delaware State University

**Norman Braman**, Chairman and CEO, Braman Motor Company

**Noelle Cockett**, President, Utah State University

**Lester Crown**, Henry Crown and Company Chairman and CEO

**Michael Drake**, President, University of California System

**José Luis Cruz**, President, Northern Arizona University

**Joseph I. Castro**, Chancellor, The California State University

**Mark Erickson**, President, Northampton Community College

**Carole Segal**, Co-Founder, Crate and Barrel; Chairwoman, Segal Family Foundation

**Ron Gidwitz**, National Finance Co-Chair, National Republican Senate Committee, United States Ambassador to the European Union and Belgium under President Donald Trump,

**Helene Curtis** Industries President and CEO (retired)

**Jorge Perez**, Chairman and CEO Related Companies

**John J. DeGioia**, President, Georgetown University

**Christopher Eisgruber**, President, Princeton University

**Lawrence Bacow**, President, Harvard University

**Michael Crow**, President, Arizona State University

**Gregory Fennes**, President, Emory University

**Vincent Price**, President, Duke University

**Andrew Hamilton**, President, New York University

**Martha E. Pollack**, President, Cornell University

**Lee C. Bollinger**, President, Columbia University in the City of New York

**Marc Tessier-Lavigne**, President, Stanford University

**Msgr. Stuart Swetland**, President, Donnelly College

**Bill Lucia**, Chairman and CEO of HMS (Retired)

**Glenn Hamer**, President and CEO, Texas Association of Business

**Carmen Twillie Ambar**, President, Oberlin College

**Irma Becerra**, President, Marymount University

**Carrie Besnette-Hauser**, President & CEO, Colorado Mountain College

**Nicholas Ladany**, President, Oglethorpe University

**John Fry**, President, Drexel University

**Montserrat Fuentes**, President, St. Edwards University

**Susan Wente**, President, Wake Forest University

**Julio Frenk**, President, University of Miami

**David Leebron**, President, Rice University

**Taylor Eighmy**, President, University of Texas at San Antonio

**Heather Wilson**, President, The University of Texas at El Paso

**Neal Smatresk**, President, University of North Texas

**Farnam Jahanian**, President, Carnegie Mellon University



American Business  
Immigration Coalition

PRESIDENTS' | ON HIGHER EDUCATION  
ALLIANCE | AND IMMIGRATION

**Jay Perman**, Chancellor, University System of Maryland

**Judy Miner**, Chancellor, Foothill-De Anza Community College

**Jane Fernandes**, Former President, Guilford College

**G. Gabrielle Starr**, President, Pomona College

**Josh Hoyt**, Democracy Partners, NPNA Retired Executive Director

**Lori S. White**, President, DePauw University

**Adam Weinberg**, President, Denison University

**Jonathan Brand**, President, Cornell College

**Jenifer Ward**, President, Luther College

**Sylvia M. Burwell**, President, American University

**Carol Quillen**, President, Davidson College

**Daniel Lugo**, President, Queens University of Charlotte

**Kim Cassidy**, President, Bryn Mawr College

**Valerie Smith**, President, Smith College

**Wendy Raymond**, President, Haverford College

**Suzanne M. Rivera**, President, Macalester College

**Christine M. Riordan**, President, Adelphi University

**Stuart Rabinowitz**, President Hofstra University

**Raul Raymundo**, CEO, The Resurrection Project

**Hugh McColl**, Bank of America, Chairman and CEO - Retired

**Deneece Huftalin**, President, Salt Lake Community College



American Business  
Immigration Coalition

PRESIDENTS' | ON HIGHER EDUCATION  
ALLIANCE | AND IMMIGRATION

**Al Cardenas**, Florida Republican Party former Chairman, Squire Patton Boggs Partner

**Bart Patterson**, President, Nevada State College

**Christina Paxson**, President, Brown University

**Michelle Hooper**, Board of Directors, United Airlines

**Bob Worsley**, Entrepreneur, Author and Retired AZ GOP State Senator, NZ Legacy, LLC;

**ZenniHome**, LLC; **NovoPower**, LLC

**Mayor Francis Suarez**, City of Miami

**Eduardo Padrón**, President Emeritus, Miami Dade College

**David Barber**, Barber Foods and MeBIC Chair

**Don Graham**, Chairman, TheDream.US; Chairman, Graham Holdings

**Kim Wilcox**, Chancellor, U.C. Riverside

**Biddy Martin**, President, Amherst College

**Patricia McGuire**, President, Trinity Washington University

**Dwight A. McBride**, President, The New School

**Maurie McInnis**, President, Stony Brook University

**President Joseph McShane SJ**, President, Fordham University

**Anthony Monaco**, President, Tufts University

**Christopher Molloy**, Chancellor, Rutgers University - New Brunswick

**Leocadia I. Zak**, President, Agnes Scott College

**Frank Wu**, President, Queens College

**David Wippman**, President, Hamilton College



American Business  
Immigration Coalition

PRESIDENTS' | ON HIGHER EDUCATION  
ALLIANCE | AND IMMIGRATION

**Matthew A. Love**, President & CEO, Nicklaus Children's Health System

**Mario Murgado**, CEO Murgado Automotive Group

**Martin Eakes**, Self Help Federal Credit Union President and CEO

**Jose Luis Prado**, President and CEO, Quaker Oats, a division of Pepsico - retired

**Pilar Guzman**, CEO Half Moon Empanadas

**Mike Kaplan**, President and CEO, Aspen Snowmass

**Ray Shrouf**, Affinity Hospice CEO, Alabama

**Vicki Kroviak**, Acorn Health CEO

**Cora M. Tellez**, CEO, Sterling Administration

**JJ Farook**, Chairman & CEO, INFOMC, Inc

**Carlos Carbonell**, CEO and Founder of Echo Interaction Group

**John Martinez**, Board Member, IMPAC Fund

**James M. Smith**, President, Eastern Michigan University

**Tim Giuliani**, President and CEO of the Orlando Economic Partnership

**Will Saunders**, CEO, AllyAlign Health

**Manny Medina** CEO, Cyxtera

**Bill Kunkler**, Executive Vice President, CC Industries

**Maria C. Alonso**, President & CEO, United Way of Miami-Dade

**Tony Argiz**, CEO Morrison Brown Argiz Farrah CPAs

**Willie Stanfield**, Senior executive, Marathon Oil - retired

**Dennis Archer**, former Mayor of Detroit



**Kay Rawlins**, Club Founder & SVP of Community Relations, President, Orlando City Foundation

**Anthony Anderson**, Vice Chair, Ernst and Young - Retired

**Brian E. Keeley**, President and CEO of Baptist Health South Florida

**Glenn Tilton**, Board of Directors Abbott Laboratories, United Airlines Chairman and CEO - retired