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The Honorable Rob Portman  
United States Senate  
448 Russell Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510

**RE: Call for support for Dream Legislation by the end of 2022**

Dear Senator Portman:

We are writing you on behalf of our respective institutions, urging Congressional action on behalf of undocumented students. We understand that *Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA)* was a limited solution to address their plight, and that Congress would ultimately need to develop a more permanent solution. We respectfully seek your guidance and leadership to reach a bipartisan compromise before the end of the year to provide permanent protection for these students.

As higher education leaders, we see the immense contributions Dreamers make on a daily basis to our campuses and communities. Many of them have gone on to become our highly valued employees, as well as leaders in their communities. We have invested in Dreamers' K-12 and higher education for decades. If we want America to continue to benefit from Dreamers, Congress must act.

We seek bipartisan compromise and efforts to ensure Dreamers can continue to stay and succeed in America. At a time of labor shortages, with consequences ranging from inflation to diminished economic growth, a permanent solution is all the more urgent. We would welcome the opportunity to discuss this with you to ensure that our immigrant and international students can fully contribute to our state's and nation's economic growth. We are eager to work with you.

Thank you for your consideration,

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