We recognize that a bipartisan compromise may include provisions addressing multiple issues, but we must prioritize permanent protections for Dreamers and not wait for the DACA case to reach the Supreme Court.

- It is very concerning that recent Congressional negotiations on immigration did not include protections for Dreamers.
- The looming termination of the DACA program heightens the urgency for Congress to act on a permanent legislative solution for Dreamers.
- Halting DACA renewals is estimated to cost the U.S. economy over $280 billion in the next decade alone, and an estimated 1,000 DACA recipients would be forced out of their jobs every week for the next two years.
- Now is the time to reach a bipartisan compromise, as there is broad support across both parties for passing a permanent fix for Dreamers.
- Some lawmakers argue that the situation at the southern border is such that we cannot address legislation for Dreamers. Managing border security is important, but the critical discussion and debate about solutions for those hoping to come to this country now and in the future cannot block or derail the separate conversation about policies and solutions for DACA recipients and other Dreamers.
- We need a long-overdue bipartisan legislative solution for DACA recipients, other Dreamers and employers, campuses, and families. Legislation providing Dreamers permanent status, protections, and opportunities should be one of the top priorities.

Dreamers make significant contributions to the U.S. economy and are essential to a talented, educated American workforce.

- Dreamers contribute billions of dollars in tax revenue annually, bolstering local and national economies, and driving innovation and competitiveness. Dreamers fill critical roles in industries facing labor shortages, including healthcare, technology, and STEM fields, helping to address gaps in talent and expertise.
- At a time of labor shortages, with consequences ranging from inflation to diminished economic growth, we need the talents of the DACA workforce and other Dreamers.
- DACA has been one of the most successful immigration initiatives in modern history and demonstrates why expanded opportunities for Dreamers strengthens America.
- Many DACA recipients have become not only highly valued employees but also employers, homeowners, military members, and founders of thriving businesses.
- Hundreds of thousands of DACA recipients are employed in jobs deemed essential by the Department of Homeland Security’s Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency.
- Congress should build on the successes of DACA by providing a permanent fix so that all these individuals can join with the students and neighbors they grew up with in achieving their education goals and meeting the talent needs of our nation.
Dreamers are undocumented immigrants who arrived in the United States as children, lived and attended school here, and identify as American.

- Dreamers are integral members of our communities, contributing to various sectors of society through their talents, skills, and dedication.
- They can have DACA, TPS, be fully undocumented or be in limbo status. The Dreamer community in higher education includes not just students, but also alumni, faculty and staff.
- Dreamers are longstanding U.S. residents. Many live with U.S. citizen children or family members, and most have grown up in the U.S. and were educated in our public K-12 schools.
- Over 400,000 undocumented students, including Dreamers, are pursuing higher education, launching careers and contributing to our communities and states.
- There are 530,110 DACA holders in the United States (as of December 31, 2023), most of whom are currently in the workforce. It is estimated that nearly 100,000 DACA recipients are married to a U.S. citizen.

**Defining “Dreamers”:** This template uses the term “Dreamers” because it is the term most used in national advocacy. However, we recognize that undocumented students on your campus may prefer terms such as “DACA/undocumented” students, DACA recipients, unDACAmented, “immigrant youth,” or “immigrants.” We use the term “Dreamers” to convey the broadest and most comprehensive population needing immigration relief. “Dreamers” are undocumented immigrants who arrived in the United States as minors. According to the Migration Policy Institute (MPI), there are an estimated 3 million “Dreamers” who live in the United States.