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**Congress of the United States**  
**Washington, DC 20515**

December 16, 2019

President Donald Trump  
The White House  
1600 Pennsylvania Ave NW  
Washington, DC 20500

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**By ESEC at 11:57 am, May 28, 2020**

Dear President Trump:

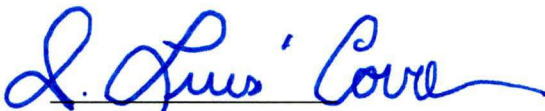
We write to join Rep. Zoe Lofgren, Rep. Lucille Roybal-Allard, Senator Kamala D. Harris, and several of our colleagues in expressing support for the availability of advance parole for recipients of Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA). We strongly urge you to resume issuing advance parole, particularly on humanitarian grounds, to eligible DACA beneficiaries with pending travel document applications (Forms I-131) at U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS).

With the inception of DACA in 2012, recipients were able to apply for advance parole travel authorization for educational reasons, to exercise employment opportunities requiring foreign travel, and for humanitarian reasons—including to reunite with family members facing imminent death or otherwise suffering from serious illnesses. On September 5, 2017, the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) suspended the availability of advance parole for DACA beneficiaries, after your Administration ordered the termination of DACA.


On January 9, 2018, the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of California issued a preliminary injunction halting the termination of DACA, while also making clear that the government continues to have the discretion to grant advance parole to DACA recipients for deserving cases (the order does not “bar the agency from granting advance parole in individual cases it finds deserving”). Despite this recognition, however, USCIS states on its website that it “will not accept or approve advance parole requests from DACA recipients.” As such, USCIS has not reasonably exercised its discretion, preventing many DACA beneficiaries from being able to visit loved ones at critical moments or take advantage of important educational or employment opportunities abroad.

The continued categorical refusal to consider granting advance parole to DACA beneficiaries is needless and inhumane. We are aware through the California Mexico Studies Center of DACA recipients with pending advance parole applications, a list of which is attached. We urge your administration to resume considering these applications on an expedited basis, along with any other such applications pending with USCIS.

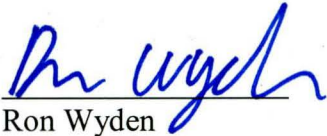
Sincerely,



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United States Representative



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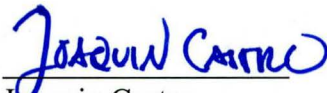
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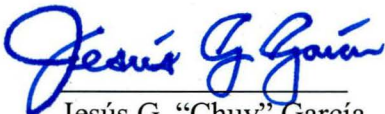
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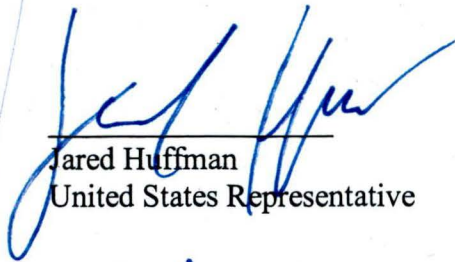


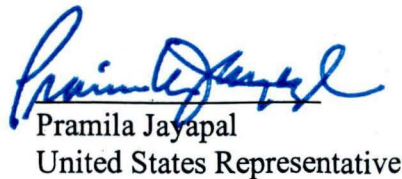
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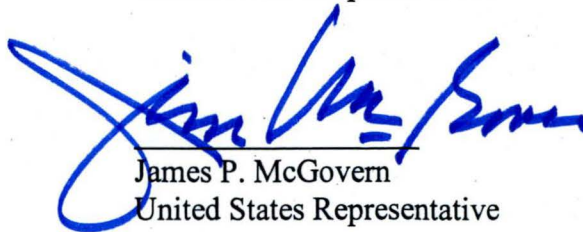
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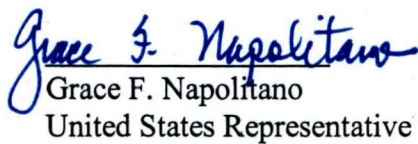


  
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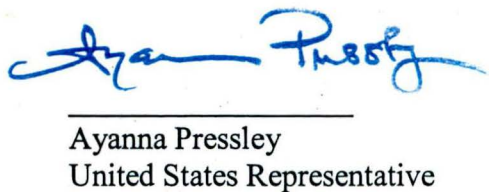
  
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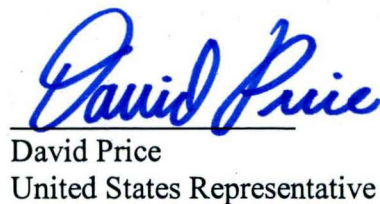
  
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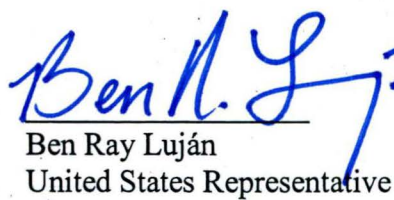
  
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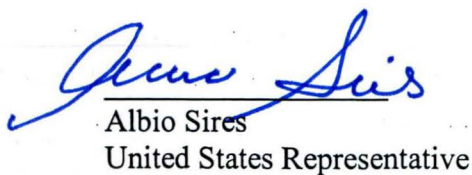
  
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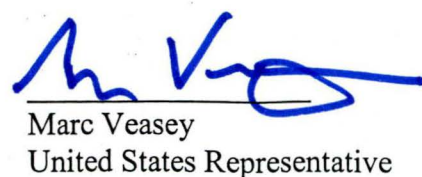
  
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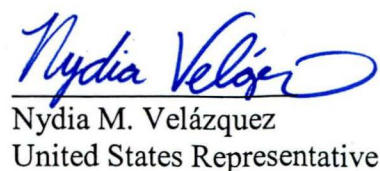
  
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**U.S. Citizenship  
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June 17, 2020

The Honorable Lou Correa  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative Correa:

Thank you for your December 16, 2019 letter regarding advance parole for recipients of Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA). President Donald Trump asked that I respond on his behalf.

As you noted, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) has discontinued approving applications for an advance parole document on the basis of DACA. Due to pending litigation regarding the Department's decision to rescind the DACA policy, we are unable to comment further on the matter at this time.

Thank you again for your letter and interest in this issue. The cosigners of your letter will receive a separate, identical response. Should you require any additional assistance, please have your staff contact the USCIS Office of Legislative Affairs at (202) 272-1940.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ja E", written over a horizontal line.

Joseph Edlow  
Deputy Director for Policy