

September 1, 2017

The Honorable Paul D. Ryan Speaker of the House of Representatives H-232, United States Capitol Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Mr. Speaker:

It was heartening to hear your comments today to a local radio station encouraging President Trump not to end the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) initiative. As you know, the President is likely to make an announcement early next week. Deporting patriotic, courageous young men and women who are American in every way would be disastrous for our communities, our economy and our nation.

In your comments today, you noted that "this is something Congress has to fix." I agree. That is why I am writing to ask you to meet with Members of the Congressional Hispanic Caucus and other House Democratic leaders as soon as we return next week to discuss a comprehensive legislative solution for our country's DREAMers. The CHC has introduced legislation similar to the DREAM Act that passed the House in 2010. We must take urgent action together to shield our bright, young DREAMers from the arbitrary cruelty of deportation.

Thank you for your attention to our request. I look forward to hearing from you soon on this urgent matter.

best regards,

Democratic Leader