

February 8, 2018

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

Dear Mr. Speaker:

In the spirit of bipartisanship, we write to again reiterate our sincere desire to ensure that the government remains open and that the priorities of the American people are properly addressed. As you know, Democrats have been clear that we support a budget agreement that ensures our men and women in uniform have the resources they need to protect our country and that America's middle class and working families have the tools they need to succeed. As part of this agreement we have always expected that the House and the Senate would address the issue of DACA and the Dreamers.

Most of our Members believe the budget agreement is a reasonable compromise to address America's military strength and critical domestic priorities, like fighting the opioid crisis, boosting NIH, moving forward to resolve the pension crisis, caring for our veterans, making college more affordable, and investing in child care for working families.

We are writing to again reiterate our request that you make a public statement regarding the scheduling of a vote on a DACA bill. Our request is that you publicly state that you will schedule a vote to consider the bipartisan Hurd-Aguilar bill and any other DACA bills that you wish to consider, under a Queen of the Hill rule.

We strongly believe that members of the House and their constituents deserve the same dignity that Leader McConnell has extended to Members of the Senate by allowing for a vote on this issue.

Thank you for your immediate attention to this letter.

best regards,

Democratic Leader

Assistant Democratic Leader