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Dear President Trump,

Last month, while the U.S. Supreme Court ruled on the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrival (DACA) case in such a way that maintains it for the moment, the Court also affirmed the authority of your administration to terminate DACA via a different process. We are writing to urge you, consistent with the request of Evangelical Immigration Table leaders in <u>August 2017</u>, to leave DACA in place until such time as Congress has passed legislation to permanently protect Dreamers, and to encourage you to sign such legislation into law.

As we have <u>communicated</u> to our congressional leaders, we continue to believe that this situation merits a permanent, legislative solution for these young immigrants who consider America their home and are contributing to our communities in so many ways, including in the response to and recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic. As president, you have an important role to play – not only in signing legislation that reaches your desk, but in signaling your support and urging Congress to act.

We ask you to publicly and consistently urge congressional leaders to urgently pass legislation to create a pathway for those who arrived in the U.S. as children and who meet other necessary and appropriate qualifications to earn permanent legal status and, eventually, citizenship. <u>Polls</u> show such pathway legislation is supported by the majority of evangelical Christians as well as the majority of those who voted for you in 2016. Permanence for Dreamers has robust support among all Americans.

Consistent with your past comments affirming your concern and "great love" for this population, we plead with you to work toward good faith compromise that would both be compassionate to immigrants and respect the rule of law. As always, we are committed to praying for you and your administration, as well as for the immigrant individuals and families whose lives and livelihoods are directly affected by your deliberations.

Sincerely,

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