

Sept. 1, 2017

The Honorable Donald J. Trump  
President of the United States  
1600 Pennsylvania Ave., NW  
Washington, DC

Dear President Trump,

As you consider the future of the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program, I would like to share my insight with you as President of Metropolitan State University of Denver on the value of our hard-working DACA students and their contributions to our society.

DACA protects nearly 800,000 individuals who arrived to the United States as children, giving them an opportunity to work and enroll in postsecondary education and be a productive member of society. For example, MSU Denver alumnus Cristian, who benefited from DACA and deemed it as the last piece of the puzzle in visualizing his American dream. Without a work permit and security from deportation, he would have never built the courage to come forward and run for Student Government at MSU Denver and advocate against sexual violence in colleges.

MSU Denver is deeply committed to supporting underrepresented students because it's not only the right thing to do but it is an economic imperative. Denying the next generation of college graduates access to higher education and employment will not only deprive them of the American dream they strive to achieve, but it will deprive our nation of a young and vibrant workforce that will contribute to the economy for years to come.

I hope you will consider supporting these students who are willing to work hard as they contribute to making our communities stronger and prosperous.

Sincerely,



Janine Davidson, Ph.D.

President