

January 17, 2018

The Honorable Mitch McConnell
317 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Majority Leader McConnell:

As County elected officials representing millions of Americans, we write today to share our strong support for continuing the protections afforded under the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program. We urge you to swiftly and comprehensively address federal immigration, and DACA in particular, to protect the legal status of the thousands of Dreamers.

Immigrants come to America in search of opportunity and the American Dream. This has been true since the dawn of our great nation. They bring skills, ingenuity, and resilience that contributes to our growth and competitiveness. Dreamers, the children of immigrants, often know no other country than America. They are American in every aspect but on paper.

As locally elected officials, we have a particular interest in seeing the legal status of Dreamers, our fellow Americans, resolved in a manner that allows them to stay in the country they call home. American values are rooted in the belief that every man, woman and child has equal rights to freedom and dignity, and it is our role and responsibility to ensure these rights are protected and secured.

Dreamers cannot, and should not, live under the ever-present threat of deportation. DACA recipients have passed background checks. They pose no threat. Threatening deportation is not how valued young people in our communities, our constituents who grew up in this country and share our common values, should be treated. They deserve to feel safe and secure in their pursuit of the American Dream. Fixing this, and fixing this now, is the right thing to do. Dragging out a solution leaves our youth in ambiguity, at a precious and pivotal time in their lives when life choices can determine their destiny.

We add our collective voice to those calling on Congress to make it your highest priority to pass bipartisan legislation providing these young Americans the permanent solution they deserve.

Sincerely,



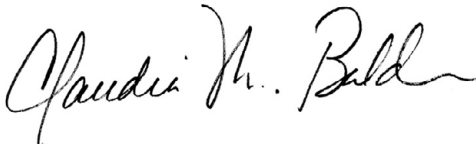
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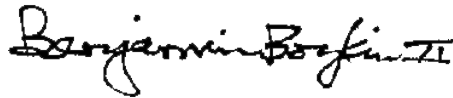
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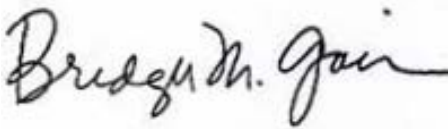
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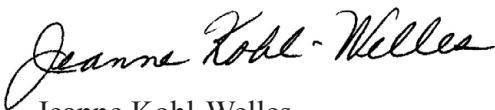
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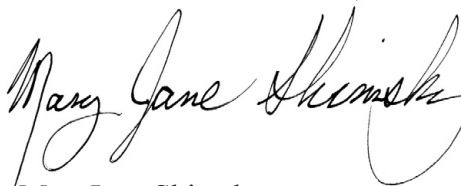
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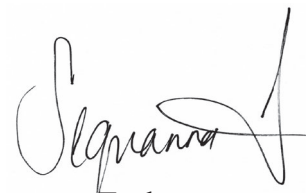
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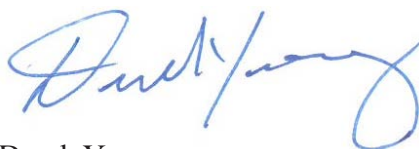
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