



City of Encinitas

Office of
The Mayor

December 5, 2017

The Honorable Dianne Feinstein
United State Senate
331 Hart Senate Building
Washington DC 20510

Catherine S. Blakespear
Mayor

RE: Your Support Needed for DACA (Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals) Program

Dear Senator Feinstein:

On November 29, 2017 the City of Encinitas City Council unanimously approved a resolution calling upon Congress to continue the existing DACA (Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals) program and provide DACA recipients with a pathway to citizenship.

Tony Kranz
Deputy Mayor

More than a quarter of DACA recipients, or about 222,796, live in California. Undoubtedly we have residents in Encinitas who are DACA recipients or have family members affected by DACA, and their forced removal not only harms the social fabric of our community, but also damages our local economy by disrupting our workforce. Cancellation of the program will needlessly cause tremendous suffering to innocent, productive, hard-working people who are our neighbors, friends and family, and the current uncertainty about the program's continuation is already causing pain and confusion to those enrolled in college as to whether they may be allowed to continue. What good is achieved by taking a young college student from their home, family and community where they are enculturated into American values, and sending them to countries where they are strangers and often do not even speak the language?

Tasha Boerner Horvath
Council Member

Our current President has said that the DACA program will cease to exist in March, if Congress doesn't approve legislation to authorize or replace it. This act of pure cruelty threatens the well-being of nearly 800,000 people who live in the country illegally through no fault of their own but as a result of decisions made by their parents. This would be a preventable tragedy.

Joe Mosca
Council Member

More than 400 CEO's of America's largest companies, including Amazon, Apple, Wells Fargo, Microsoft, Facebook, AT & T and Best Buy, have signed a letter urging support if preserving the DACA program. The letter states that "97% (of DACA participants) are in school or in the workforce, and without these Dreamers, "the US economy would lose \$460.3 billion from the national GDP and 24.6 billion in Social Security and Medicare tax contributions."

Mark Muir
Council Member

As the Mayor of Encinitas, I call upon you to work to continue the existing DACA program and provide DACA recipients with a pathway to permanent residence and eventual United States citizenship.

Karen P. Brust
City Manager

Thank you,

Catherine S. Blakespear
Mayor of Encinitas