Dear Congressman:

I urge you to take the action that President Trump requested when he rescinded the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) policy and pass legislation as soon as possible to permanently protect these outstanding young people brought to our country as children.

Since June 2012, nearly 800,000 of these young people who came to the United States as children have come forward, passed background checks, and received permission to live and work in America. With DACA, they have advanced their education, started small businesses, and more fully established themselves as integral members of our society.

Despite the challenges they have faced, these individuals have made incredible contributions to our country and its economy and security. Studies show that the removal of these young men and women from our workforce would cost the country an estimated $460.3 billion in lost Gross Domestic Product over a decade and tens of billions more in lost contributions to Medicare and Social Security. Deporting current DACA recipients would also force businesses to incur approximately $3.4 billion in turnover costs.

Moreover, there is widespread support across the country to protect these individuals. A September 24-26 Fox News poll found that 63 percent of Americans say it is extremely or very important for Congress to pass legislation to protect DACA recipients and Dreamers.

These individuals were brought to the United States as children and through no fault of their own. They are Americans in every way but immigration status. If we are unable to pass legislation on this issue, we will be shutting the door to an entire generation of individuals who seek to contribute to our great nation. It clearly is in America’s best interest to enable these individuals to use their knowledge, skills, and energy to better themselves as well as the country.

Again, I urge you to act quickly to pass legislation that will permanently protect these individuals.

Best,