

Student Leaders' Letter to President Trump

- *Student leaders urge President Trump to uphold and continue DACA, H-1B visas, and visas for international students generally.*
- *Signatories are listed below and the list will be updated on an ongoing basis. Student presidents at colleges and universities can still sign the letter.*
- *As of February 7, the letter has been signed by student presidents from 72 institutions in 31 states and the District of Columbia, collectively serving and representing over 1 million undergraduate and graduate students.*
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The Letter

Dear President Trump,

Not unlike the students we represent, we, the student leaders of America's great colleges and universities, are nothing if not pragmatic. With that in mind, we write to you now about issues important to us and the strength of America.

More than 700,000 people, Americans raised and educated in the United States, have benefited from Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) and among them are many talented, law-abiding students and alumni who are actively contributing to their communities and to our society. Likewise, the more than a million international students in the U.S. contribute over \$35 billion to the economy and support over 400,000 jobs. This in addition to bringing new perspectives, enriched learning opportunities, and globalized alumni networks.

We urge you to uphold and continue DACA, H-1B visas, and visas for international students generally—including for Muslim students—and we are prepared to meet with you to make our case. We urge you not to waste valuable and limited political capital waging what will quickly be branded a war on students and laying waste this country's world renowned institutions of higher education.

While you lost the popular vote and are entering office with one of the lowest approval ratings of any president, you did win the election and it's still not too late to earn a true mandate by rejecting the divisive rhetoric and policy proposals of the campaign and uniting the country around your leadership. We urge you to do so.

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