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*President*

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The Honorable Mitch McConnell  
Majority Leader  
United States Senate  
317 Russell Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Charles Schumer  
Minority Leader  
United States Senate  
322 Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Leaders McConnell and Schumer,

At this critical time in the efforts to address the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program, I write in strong support for the enactment of a legislative solution for our nation's Dreamers that includes the principles embodied in the DREAM Act of 2017.

DACA has enabled thousands of promising students to contribute to our country's future. These young people are already full-fledged members of our communities but, through no fault of their own, face uncertain futures due to their immigration status. They have met DACA's strict criteria, have records of academic achievement and community involvement, and have contributed to our economy. In keeping with our deeply held American values, they deserve the opportunity to have legal resident status and to flourish in our society. At Stanford, we have seen first-hand that investing in the education of these students is an investment in our country's future, as they apply their talents to strengthening our society and to driving economic growth.

We understand that fair and just reforms of our nation's overall immigration system present complex issues that require legislative solutions. Stanford has long supported immigration reform efforts that balance national security concerns with policies that embody the American values of opportunity and fairness, and that strengthen our economy through advancements in technology, science and other disciplines. In that context, we strongly urge you to support the concepts embodied in the DREAM Act to provide a legislative solution for our country's Dreamers.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Marc Tessier-Lavigne".

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