Monday, April 23, 2018

The Honorable Paul D. Ryan
Speaker of the House of Representatives

The Honorable Mitch McConnell
Senate Majority Leader

The Honorable Nancy Pelosi
House Minority Leader

The Honorable Charles Schumer
Senate Minority Leader

Dear Congressional Leaders,

We are writing to urge you to work collaboratively and across party lines to advance legislation that provides permanent protection for the Dreamers.

The Dreamers are among our best and brightest, brought here through no fault of their own. They are students, workers, and men and women putting their lives on the line in the armed forces. But without the certainty to plan their lives and futures, they are unable to fully contribute to our communities and nation.

The American people strongly support legislation to allow them to remain in the United States legally. According to recent polling, for example, more than 90 percent of Americans say it is important or very important that Congress reach an agreement on the status of the Dreamers—with more than 70 percent favoring citizenship for them.

There is a clear solution to the status of the Dreamers that all parties should be able to agree on, one that has bipartisan support and can be enacted promptly, and which provides certainty to the Dreamers and enhanced security to the nation. That is to pass legislation that provides a path to citizenship for 1.8 million Dreamers and provides $25 billion for enhanced border security measures.

There is no reason to continue to delay action on the Dreamers. No one should give up while a deal is so close and while so many continue to live with uncertainty. We encourage you to act as quickly as possible and provide Congress with the leadership that's needed to break through Washington gridlock.

The solution is at hand: certainty for the Dreamers and enhanced security for our nation. What are we waiting for?

Sincerely,

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