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Dear UC President Janet Napolitano, CSU Chancellor Timothy White, and CCC Chancellor Eloy Oakley:

Thank you for your recent statements, collectively and individually, about the importance of our Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) students. As you are aware, California has the largest concentration of DACA students in the country, and they represent some of the best hope for our future.

We are writing to request an additional measure of support from you as President and Chancellors of California’s public higher education institutions. Many of our DACA and Dreamer students have needed legal assistance and other forms of support in the wake of the federal administration’s decision to rescind the DACA program last September.

Unfortunately, not all of our campuses have support services in place to assist these students. While all nine of the University of California undergraduate campuses have physical support centers for DACA, temporary protected status (TPS), and undocumented students, only about half of the California State University campuses have a dedicated support location, and less than half of the California Community Colleges have permanently dedicated personnel or physical support locations to assist these students.

We request that you jointly explore the possibility of expanding these support services and, if feasible, allow DACA and Dreamer students to use the support facilities and services at any UC, CSU or CCC campus statewide, regardless of their enrollment in a different system, without fear of repercussion or retribution and without need for payment. The difference such a gesture will make to our students will be incalculable.

Thank you again for your continued support of DACA students across the state and we look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

Christine Miller  
Chair, California State University Academic Senate  
Chair, Intersegmental Committee of Academic Senates

Julie Bruno  
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