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The Honorable Lucille Roybal-Allard
2083 Rayburn Office Building
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The Honorable Ileana Ros-Lehtinen
2206 Rayburn Office Building
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Dear Representatives Roybal-Allard and Ros-Lehtinen:

On behalf of the 9,200 physician members of the American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry (AACAP), I write in support of your legislation, H.R. 3440, the "Dream Act of 2017." Your bipartisan legislation would protect undocumented young people brought to the United States as children and previously eligible for the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program.

As you know, many of these children were brought into the United States by their parents without any say in the matter. America is the only nation that many of them have known, and their presence enriches our country and our lives.

AACAP strongly supports this legislation and looks forward to working with you and your staff to ensure its timely passage. AACAP is the leading national professional medical association dedicated to treating and improving the quality of life for children, adolescents, and families affected by emotional, behavioral, developmental, and mental disorders.

Sincerely,



Gregory K. Fritz, MD
President