

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

September 7, 2017

The Honorable Trey Gowdy
Chairman
Committee on Oversight and Government
Reform
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Bob Goodlatte
Chairman
Committee on the Judiciary
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Gowdy and Chairman Goodlatte:

We urge you to immediately schedule hearings on the impact of President Trump's decision to terminate the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program.

Earlier this year, President Trump promised DREAMers that they could “rest easy” because he was only going after “criminals” and that “this is a case of heart.”¹ Now, the President has broken his promise. As you know, Attorney General Jeff Sessions announced this week that the Trump administration will end the program with a six-month delay. If Congress does not act immediately, the President's decision will upend the lives of hundreds of thousands of people who were brought here as children—through no fault of their own—and today know only America as their home.

This action is cruel and heartless, and it is now up to Congress to reverse it. As a part of that process, the committees of jurisdiction must hold hearings to educate Members and the public about the repercussions of ending DACA.

For these reasons, we request that the Oversight Committee and the Judiciary Committee hold hearings to review the efficiency, effectiveness, and accountability of the President's decision. We ask to hear directly from experts about the profound damage that ending DACA will have on our nation's economy—contracting the nation's GDP by \$460.3 billion over ten years.² We also need to educate the public about how the President's decision will reduce federal tax contributions to Social Security and Medicare by \$24.6 billion over a decade and will cost businesses \$3.4 billion in employee turnover costs.³

¹ *Trump Tells 'Dreamers' to Rest Easy: 'We Are After the Criminals'*, Las Vegas Sun (Apr. 22, 2017) (online at <https://lasvegassun.com/news/2017/apr/22/trump-tells-dreamers-to-rest-easy-we-are-after-the>).

² *A New Threat to DACA Could Cost States Billions of Dollars*, Center for American Progress (July 21, 2017) (online at www.americanprogress.org/issues/jnmj-ration/news/2017/07/21/436419/new-threat-daca-cost-states-billions-dollars).

³ *Money on the Table: The Economic Cost of Ending DACA*, Immigrant Legal Resource Center (Dec. 2016) (online at www.ilrc.org/sites/default/files/resources/2016-12-13_ilrc_report_-

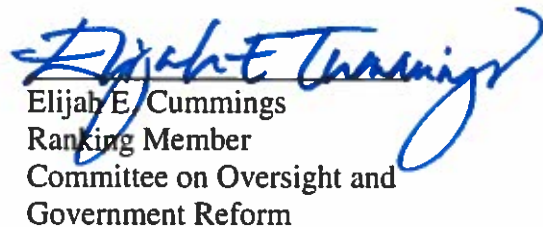
As the committee with jurisdiction over the operation of government activities at all levels with a view to determining their economy and efficiency, the Oversight Committee held 11 hearings last Congress on immigration issues, including a joint hearing with the Subcommittees on National Security and Healthcare, Benefits, and Administrative Rules titled "A Review of the President's Executive Actions on Immigration." In addition, as the committee with primary legislative jurisdiction over the Immigration and Nationality Act, the Judiciary Committee regularly holds hearings on immigration issues, and it is critical that we take a close look at the impacts that DACA repeal will have on our communities.

We believe it is critical for the American people to hear public testimony regarding the President's decision, including the resulting economic costs and social harm to the nation. Thank you for your consideration of this request.

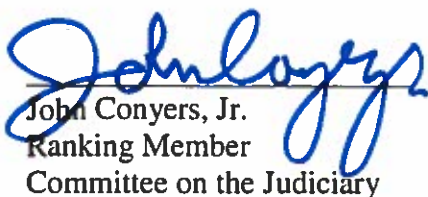
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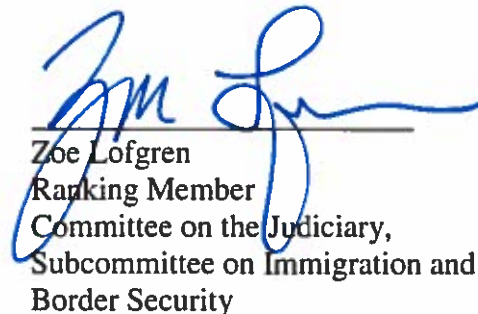
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