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COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA

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The Honorable Dianne Feinstein
Ranking Minority Member
Committee on the Judiciary
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Feinstein:

I am writing on behalf of the County of Santa Barbara to reiterate its support for legislation that would ensure the continuation of protections provided under the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program.

According to the Adsum Education Foundation, hundreds of undocumented students graduate from Santa Barbara County high schools every year. Brought to the U.S. as minors, these children have withstood economic challenges to steadfastly pursue college and become productive members of the community. They represent some of the brightest and most accomplished students, working diligently to advance their education despite the obstacles they face.

Senator Graham has introduced S. 128, the *Bar Removal of Individuals who Dream and Grow our Economy Act* or *BRIDGE Act*, a bipartisan bill that would protect individuals currently covered by DACA if that program were to be discontinued. Please work with Senate Leadership and the members of your committee to expedite action on S. 128 or similar legislation to ensure the permanent continuation of the protections provided by the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program.

I thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely yours,

Donald Gilchrest
Washington Representative

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