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May 31, 2019

The Honorable Nancy Pelosi
Speaker
U.S. House of Representatives
H-232 Capitol Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Kevin McCarthy
Minority Leader
U.S. House of Representatives
H-204 Capitol Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Speaker Pelosi and Minority Leader McCarthy:

On behalf of America’s leading research universities, we strongly urge the swift passage of H.R.6, *the American Dream and Promise Act of 2019*. It has taken too long to find a permanent solution for the Dreamers following the administration’s decision to end the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program and immediate Congressional action is necessary to ensure a positive resolution.

The American Dream and Promise Act of 2019 would authorize undocumented young Dreamers, individuals who consider America their home, to acquire a lawful and permanent residence in the United States and a path to citizenship. Currently these individuals who work and pay taxes to our communities, are unable to contribute their talents fully due to their uncertain legal status.

Providing a permanent legal solution for these individuals is both a moral imperative and a national necessity if our nation is to live up to the ideals we espouse. There has long been widespread and bipartisan support in Congress, and across the nation, to reach a legislative solution to protect Dreamers. It is time for Congress to act and we urge you to pass this legislation to protect Dreamers. We look forward to continuing our work with you and your colleagues in the Senate to strengthen the United States’ immigration system.

Sincerely,

Mary Sue Coleman
President
Association of American Universities