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May 20, 2019

**The Honorable Nancy Pelosi
Speaker
U.S. House of Representatives
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**The Honorable Jerrold “Jerry” Nadler
Chairman
Committee on the Judiciary
U.S. House of Representatives
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**The Honorable Kevin McCarthy
Minority Leader
U.S. House of Representatives
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**The Honorable Doug Collins
Ranking Member
Committee on the Judiciary
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Dear Speaker Pelosi, Minority Leader McCarthy, Chairman Nadler, and Ranking Member Collins:

On behalf of America’s leading research universities, we write in support of H.R. 6, the “American Dream Act of 2019.” This legislation would allow some undocumented young people to earn lawful permanent residence in the United States and a path to citizenship. We are pleased that Representatives Lucille Roybal-Allard, Nydia Velázquez, and Yvette Clarke have introduced this crucially important bill, and we urge the House to pass the Dream Act as soon as possible.

Brought to our country as children, many “Dreamers” do not even remember the country in which they were born and consider America to be their only home. Under current legal circumstances, they are unable to pursue their dreams and contribute more fully to the nation that has already invested in them. It is to our nation’s great benefit to retain the immense talent and potential these young people provide, and it is critical that lawmakers enact policies that continue to attract and embrace the best and brightest from around the world. The long-term viability of our unique government-university-industry research partnership and its future contributions to our nation’s prosperity and security depend on it.

We urge swift action by the Judiciary Committee and House leadership to approve the American Dream Act of 2019 and, in turn, work with their Senate colleagues to move these legislative protections into law. We look forward to working with you on this and other proposals to improve the United States’ immigration system.

Sincerely,

**Mary Sue Coleman
President
Association of American Universities**