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Dear Governor Hogan, Senator Miller and Speaker Busch,

The Trump administration's announcement on September 5, 2017 to end the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) Program prompts us as Maryland's public education leaders to thank you for your expressed support of DACA recipients. Approximately 9,000 hardworking youth qualify for DACA, thus we appeal to you and the State legislature, and our congressional representatives to continue protecting the rights of DACA beneficiaries. Maryland is a national leader in providing students with a world-class education. Essential to our success is our commitment to providing all children in our schools with a safe and welcoming environment to learn.

Termination of DACA will have direct and damaging effects on the Maryland students who are current beneficiaries. It is a direct threat to Maryland's economic stability and safety, as it will strip students of their ability to work and drive legally, pay taxes, and pursue post-secondary opportunities. Parents who lose work authorizations will face deportation or be moved into a dangerous underground economy, causing financial uncertainty for their families and harmful stress on their children – our students. In addition the DACA decision could impact our ability to motivate our youth to remain committed to their education and pursuing college or careers, and will lead to worsening economic hardships of our DACA community.

We ask you to continue to uphold Maryland's emphasis on the values of equity and opportunity by continuing support of the Maryland Dream Act, legislation that supports the education, lawful employment, and legal authorization of immigrant students to drive and was approved overwhelmingly by the voters of Maryland in a 2012 referendum.

We must stand up together for the shared values and beliefs that have allowed Maryland to become a national example for academic excellence, inclusion, and economic innovation. We hope that you will stand with us.

We ask you and our State Representatives to act now.

Sincerely,

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