

October 4, 2017

The Honorable Elaine C. Duke Acting Secretary, U.S. Department of Homeland Security Washington, D.C., 20528

Re: Extending the Deadline for Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals Renewals

Dear Acting Secretary Duke:

We write to respectfully request that the Department of Homeland Security extend the renewal deadline for the recipients of the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program. The current October 5 deadline is arbitrary and capricious, and only serves to impose extreme hardship on the thousands of hardworking DACA recipients in our state who will not be allowed DACA renewals.

The expedited DACA renewal deadline will only hurt Arizona's economy. Rescinding DACA stands to cost our state more than \$1.3 billion each year in lost Gross Domestic Product. DACA recipients are young people who contribute so much to the City of Phoenix through their work, entrepreneurial ventures, and artistic expression. More importantly, these young women and men – who are fathers, mothers, brothers, sisters, friends and valued neighbors – stand to be forced out of the only home they've ever known. Phoenix stands with DREAMers in our city, across Arizona and throughout the nation.

We urge you to act swiftly and use your authority to extend the renewal deadline with input from the public through existing rulemaking procedures.

Sincerely yours,

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