June 7, 2010

VIA FACSIMILE (209) 726-1065
Congressman Dennis Cardoza

Dear Mr. Cardoza:

I write to urge your support of H.R. 119 - Development, Relief, and Education for Alien Minors (DREAM) Act. This act would eliminate a federal provision penalizing states that provide in-state tuition without regard to immigration status. This act would also permit certain immigrant students who have grown up in the U.S., have good moral character, and have graduated from a U.S. high school, to apply for temporary legal status and eventually obtain permanent status and become eligible for U.S. citizenship if they go to college or serve in the U.S. military.

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Thank you for your consideration of this bill.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

John D. Welty
President

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June 7, 2010

VIA FACSIMILE (559) 449-2499
Congressman George Radanovich

Dear Mr. Radanovich:

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VIA FACSIMILE (559) 323-5528
Congressman Devin Nunes

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VIA FACSIMILE (559) 495-1027
Congressman Jim Costa

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VIA FACSIMILE (202) 228-3954
Senator Diane Feinstein

Dear Senator Feinstein:

I write to urge your support of S.729 - Development, Relief, and Education for Alien Minors (DREAM) Act. This act would eliminate a federal provision penalizing states that provide in-state tuition without regard to immigration status. This act would also permit certain immigrant students who have grown up in the U.S., have good moral character, and have graduated from a U.S. high school, to apply for temporary legal status and eventually obtain permanent status and become eligible for U.S. citizenship if they go to college or serve in the U.S. military.

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President

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June 7, 2010

VIA FACSIMILE (202) 228 3864
Senator Barbara Boxer

Dear Senator Boxer:

I write to urge your support of S.729 - Development, Relief, and Education for Alien Minors (DREAM) Act. This act would eliminate a federal provision penalizing states that provide in-state tuition without regard to immigration status. This act would also permit certain immigrant students who have grown up in the U.S., have good moral character, and have graduated from a U.S. high school, to apply for temporary legal status and eventually obtain permanent status and become eligible for U.S. citizenship if they go to college or serve in the U.S. military.

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President

JDW:mem
September 17, 2010

The Honorable Dianne Feinstein
United States Senate
331 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Feinstein:

On behalf of the students, faculty, and staff at San Francisco State University, I am writing to request your vote to support the Development, Relief, and Education for Alien Minors Act, DREAM Act, S.729). I understand that the Senate is expected to bring this legislation to a vote next week as part of the Defense Authorization bill.

The DREAM Act would give an opportunity for undocumented children to have access to an affordable higher education which will provide economic, social and intellectual benefits that will serve both them and our state in the future. The ability of these young people to contribute to the economic growth of our state and our country, and to their own self-sufficiency, depends in large measure on their ability to further their education.

Passage of the DREAM Act is important not just for equity and fairness - two values critical to SF State - but to the future economic growth of the state of California. A recent study from the Public Policy Institute of California reported that California is facing a serious shortage of skilled workers in the next 20 years, when two of every five jobs will require a college degree, up from the current one in three. California has the population to meet that shortage but many are undocumented immigrants. We must get them ready for college, into college, graduated from college and then into the workforce.

SF State works closely with our K-12 and community college partners to ensure that all high school students have a chance to receive an excellent and affordable education. Access to college is key not only to personal opportunity, but to our economy and the preservation of our nation's values.

Thank you again for all your extraordinary work on behalf of students, parents and educators.

Sincerely,

Robert Corrigan
President
June 3, 2009

The Honorable Barbara Boxer
US Senate
112 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20514

Dear Senator Boxer:

I am writing to thank you for cosponsoring S. 729, the Development, Relief, and Education for Alien Minors (DREAM) Act, and to express my support for the bill.

As you know, approximately 65,000 undocumented students graduate from our nation’s high schools each year. Unfortunately, many of these young people, who have lived in this country for most of their lives and who have records of academic achievement and community involvement, are unable to attend college because of their immigration status. The DREAM Act would allow these students to gain conditional permanent legal resident status as they pursue their undergraduate education.

Over the years, I have supported broad-based immigration reform that balances our national security concerns with policies that embody opportunity and fairness and strengthen our country’s science and technology base. It is in that context that I voice my strong support for the DREAM Act.

If I can be of help as you work to move this important legislation forward, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

John L. Hennessy

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June 3, 2009

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The Honorable Zoe Lofgren
Chairwoman
Subcommittee on Immigration, Citizenship,
Refugees, Border Security, and International Law
US House of Representatives
517 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairwoman Lofgren:

I am writing to thank you for cosponsoring HR 1751, the Development, Relief, and Education for Alien Minors (DREAM) Act, and to express my support for the bill.

As you know, approximately 65,000 undocumented students graduate from our nation’s high schools each year. Unfortunately, many of these young people, who have lived in this country for most of their lives and who have records of academic achievement and community involvement, are unable to attend college because of their immigration status. The DREAM Act would allow these students to gain conditional permanent legal resident status as they pursue their undergraduate education.

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June 3, 2009

The Honorable Anna Eshoo
US House of Representatives
205 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Congresswoman Eshoo:

I am writing to thank you for cosponsoring H.R. 1751, the Development, Relief, and Education for Alien Minors (DREAM) Act, and to express my support for the bill.

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Dear Senator Feinstein:

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I wish to take this opportunity to thank you for your sponsorship of S. 729, which will expand educational opportunity to students who came to this country as children; lived in our communities for a long time; and through hard work and perseverance, have graduated from high school and desire to continue their studies at a college or university.

As you are aware, the DREAM Act would grant conditional legal status to these students who, through no fault of their own, find their education and employment options severely limited once they graduate from high school. The law would not force states to charge in-state tuition to non-residents, as critics claim, but instead continue to allow states to determine their own eligibility and residency criteria for in-state tuition purposes as California has done. While DREAM students would only have limited eligibility for federal student loans, they would have access to helpful state and institutional support if otherwise qualified.

Many of California's best and brightest students are eligible for admission to UC and have the desire and ability to make vital contributions to our state and nation. The DREAM Act will help make access a reality for all the students we admit.
The Honorable Dianne Feinstein  
June 26, 2009  
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With best wishes, I am,

Sincerely yours,

Mark G. Yudof  
President

cc: Interim Provost Pitts  
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VIA FAX: 202.228-3954  

Dear Senator Feinstein:

I deeply appreciate your support of the American Dream Act (S.729). This legislation would grant undocumented high school graduates across the nation greater access to higher education and future employment opportunities.

I have met with several of these students who are attending UCLA. They are high-achieving, motivated, and driven to succeed. Most work several jobs and commute long distances every day so they can afford to stay in school. But once they earn their degrees—whether a bachelor's, master’s or doctorate—their immigration status prevents them from working legally in the U.S.

These young people deserve the opportunity to reach their educational goals and become productive members of society. Enactment of the American Dream Act would give them that chance.

Again, thank you for supporting the American Dream Act. Please feel free to contact me if I can be of assistance to you on this important issue.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Gene D. Block  
Chancellor