May 26, 2010

The Honorable Richard Lugar
United States Senate
306 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20515-1401

Dear Senator Lugar:

As President of Indiana University, I write in support of the Development, Relief, and Education for Alien Minors (DREAM) Act, which would help thousands of undocumented students attain the dream of a college education. I also wish to recognize and greatly commend your leadership on the issue and your consistent support for this legislation.

While undocumented students are not prohibited from admission to college solely due to their citizenship status, a number of barriers keep them from attending. Two of these impediments — the inability to pay for college and the limited career opportunities for noncitizens — would be addressed by the legislation. Enacting the DREAM Act would truly open the door to a better life for thousands of individuals who were born elsewhere but now consider the United States their home.

The national debate over immigration matters is as complex as it is intense. There are no easy solutions and the difficulty in achieving consensus is understandable. Still, passage of this important legislation is critical not only to the individual futures of thousands of undocumented young people, but to this nation's ability to remain an economic power as well. You will understand that as an immigrant to this country myself, I am acutely aware of the importance and validity of this argument.

Yours sincerely,

Michael A. McRobbie
President

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cc: Mike Sample, Vice President for Public Affairs and Government Relations
    Doug Wasitis, Director, Federal Relations
May 27, 2010

The Honorable Richard Lugar  
United States Senate  
306 Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515-1401

Dear Senator Lugar:

As Chancellor of Indiana University South Bend, I write in support of the Development, Relief, and Education for Alien Minors (DREAM) Act, which would help thousands of undocumented students attain the dream of a college education. While undocumented students are not prohibited from admission to college solely due to their citizenship status, a number of barriers keep them from attending. Two of these impediments – the inability to pay for college and the limited career opportunities for noncitizens – would be addressed by the legislation. Enacting the DREAM Act would truly open the door to a better life for thousands of individuals who were born elsewhere but now consider the United States their home.

Thank you, Senator Lugar, for your leadership and support of the DREAM Act.

Sincerely,

 Una Mae Reck  
Chancellor
The Honorable Richard Lugar
United States Senate
306 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington DC 20515-1401

Dear Senator Lugar:

I am pleased to join with other leaders in our state in support of the DREAM Act currently being considered in Congress. Successful passage of this legislation will greatly assist thousands of undocumented students to achieve a college education.

Although undocumented students are not prohibited from admission to college solely due to their citizenship status, a number of barriers keep them from attending. Two of these impediments, (1) the inability to pay for college and (2) the limited career opportunities for noncitizens, would be addressed by the legislation.

For many of these young people, conditional legal status would greatly assist acceptance into college thus providing a pathway for learning, career opportunities, and an improved quality of life. Transformational experience for these students would have an enduring impact upon their families, the communities they serve, and our society.

In the midst of the unresolved broader debate in this country about immigration issues, the DREAM Act will empower many young adults to turn aspirations into action. DREAM also helps lay the groundwork for consensus on other fronts in the immigration debate, which can prompt more much-needed progress.

Senator Lugar, your leadership on the issue is deeply appreciated. It is my privilege to offer my support for this important bill.

Sincerely,

Henry J. Smith, Ph.D.
President

cc: Jo Anne Lyon, General Superintendent, The Wesleyan Church
Norman Wilson, Intercultural Studies, Professor
June 3, 2010

The Honorable Richard Lugar  
United States Senate  
306 Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515-1401  

Dear Senator Lugar:

I am pleased to join with other leaders in our state in support of the DREAM Act, which is currently being considered in Congress. Successful passage of this legislation will greatly assist many undocumented students achieve a college education and add to the creative and intellectual wealth of the country.

The legislation directly addresses several of the barriers to college enrollment for these young people, including the fundamental challenge of paying for higher education. For many, acceptance into college would also provide a better path toward conditional permanent residency. The life, learning and career opportunities created by these steps would have an enduring impact on students and their families. Society will clearly benefit.

Amid the unresolved broader debate in this country about immigration issues, the DREAM Act will empower people one by one to turn aspirations into action. It is a vital step forward, and it will change lives. DREAM also helps lay the groundwork for consensus on other fronts in the immigration debate, which can prompt more much-needed progress.

Senator Lugar, your leadership on the issue is deeply appreciated, and I wish to offer my support for this important bill.

Sincerely,

France A. Córdova  
President
June 16, 2010

The Honorable Richard Lugar
United States Senate
306 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington DC 20515-1401

Dear Senator Lugar;

As a proud resident of the state of Indiana and as a professional educator, I am contacting you today in support of the DREAM ACT currently under consideration in Congress. I join many other Hoosiers in the belief that this legislation will be of tremendous benefit to our state and our nation.

The DREAM Act presents a tremendous step forward for higher education in Indiana by making a university education accessible to thousands of potential students who would not otherwise be able to pursue post-secondary education. For generations, higher education and the opportunities that come with it, has attracted millions of immigrants to this nation. Education continues to be the primary path to security and success in this nation.

The DREAM Act legislation is being considered at the same time that the Indiana Commission for Higher Education seeks to increase the number of college-educated adults in our state. With an estimated 50,000 - 55,000 illegal immigrants living in Indiana, it has been conservatively projected that about 5 percent, or 2,500 individuals, would enroll in college thanks to this bill. Adding degreed individuals to our state workforce will benefit every Indiana resident. The long-term benefits to the Dream Act are countless.

Education changes lives, it empowers people to move forward. It is up to us to take down the barriers that may prevent students from pursuing post-secondary education so that more students have the opportunity to participate. Senator Lugar, I thank you for your support of this bill that will enable so many residents of our state to pursue the dream of higher education. We will reap the benefits of this legislation for generations to come.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

James B. Dworkin
Chancellor
February 22, 2010

The Honorable Richard Lugar
United States Senate
306 Hart Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Lugar:

On behalf of the entire Saint Mary’s College community, it is my pleasure to provide you with this letter of support for the Development, Relief, and Education for Alien Minors (DREAM) Act which you have introduced during several previous Congressional sessions. We support your continued efforts to move this important legislation forward and stand ready to assist you in any way that we can.

Passage of the DREAM Act will provide hardworking individuals, the majority of whom became undocumented aliens while young children, with important incentives and clear guidelines for becoming permanent residents and U.S. citizens. The DREAM Act provides a very fair and humanitarian way to address an important immigration issue and assist young people who have the potential to contribute in a positive way to the growth and future success of our nation.

This issue is one that impacts a number of our current students and negatively influences the decisions of talented and capable high school students who face a great deal of uncertainty with regard to their future because of their undocumented status. Thank you for all that you are doing to resolve this issue in a manner that will not only benefit the undocumented students who qualify for the proposed program, but also will add to the strength and diversity of our nation.

Sincerely,

Carol Ann Mooney
June 8, 2009

The Honorable Richard Lugar
United States Senate
306 Hart Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Lugar:

As president of Valparaiso University, it is my privilege to offer my support for the Development, Relief, and Education for Alien Minors (DREAM) Act which you have cosponsored. This groundbreaking legislation would provide immigrant students an opportunity to work toward permanent residency and citizenship through two years of military service or college attendance. Millions of young people would be positively affected by this legislation. These hardworking and accomplished individuals seek a fair opportunity to become productive citizens of the country they consider home, and the DREAM Act would make that possible.

Each year, almost 70,000 undocumented students graduate from high schools in the United States and experience great difficulty in pursuing employment or higher education opportunities. The inclusive eligibility requirements of the DREAM Act would alleviate these issues by setting clear guidelines for those seeking to become permanent residents and citizens. The realities of the 21st Century global environment compel us to respond to this critical immigration issue in a fair and humanitarian way. Through education and service, these young people will significantly contribute to our society as future leaders in business, government, and the nonprofit sector.

Our country faces many challenges that will ultimately shape America's status as a global economic force. With the enactment of this legislation, we will open the door for a generation of young people to fulfill their dreams of becoming Americans in every sense of the word. The potential impact on Indiana's economy and that of the United States is significant. Our country was founded as a welcoming haven for individuals who want nothing more than to work hard and achieve the American dream for themselves and their families. This legislation will make that dream a reality.

Sincerely,

Mark A. Heckler
President

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