September 12, 2017

Senator Rob Portman
448 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Portman:

Following President Trump’s announcement on September 5, 2017, regarding the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA), Congress will certainly be focusing on immigration reform in the coming months.

AICUO’s 51 members represent over $2 billion in salaries and benefits to Ohio and employ almost 32,000 people. International students, both those from abroad and those who have grown up in our state, are integral to our campuses’ continued success, and thus, the economic strength of the State of Ohio.

We strongly urge you to support allowing college “dreamers” to remain in Ohio at their higher education institutions to complete their college education. All international students are vital to Ohio’s education system, our local economy, and the vitality of the State of Ohio. Students who arrived as minors and are pursuing higher education should not be punished for bettering their lives through education, for their benefit and the economic benefits to our state.

Cordially,

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