



February 20, 2018

The Honorable John Cornyn
United States Senate
517 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Cornyn,

On behalf of the Fort Worth Chamber of Commerce and our 2,000 member businesses, I urge you to support a common sense solution to the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program's planned phase out. Texas relies on, and benefits from, the economic contribution of DACA recipients. Therefore, Congress must soon act to ensure these individuals can continue to legally participate in the United States workforce.

Through the DACA program, nationwide over 800,000 individuals receive temporary work authorization and Texas has the second highest population in the country. Of the approximately 124,000 DACA recipients in Texas, 35,000 reside in North Texas. Additionally, according to data from the United States Customs and Immigration Services (USCIS), Texas alone would lose an estimated \$6.2 billion in productivity annually.

In a recent poll, 75% of our chamber membership support a pathway for citizenship for DACA recipients through a stand-alone bill and comprehensive immigration reform.

We thank you for your leadership on this important issue and thank you for your service to the state of Texas and United States.

Sincerely,

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