



May 26, 2010

OFFICE OF THE
PRESIDENT

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,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Michael".

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