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The Honorable Richard G. Lugar
U.S. Senator
306 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20515-1401

Dear Senator Lugar:

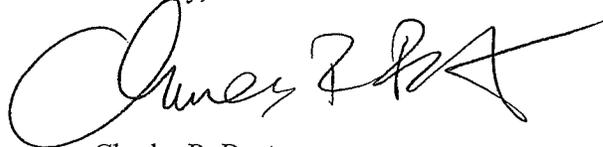
As chancellor of IUPUI, I write to endorse the Development, Relief, and Education for Alien Minors (DREAM) Act.

This legislation, which you and Senator Durbin have drafted, would promote an important opportunity for undocumented immigrant students, who have grown up in the United States, to attain permanent resident status by attending institutions of higher education or enlisting in the military upon graduating from high school or obtaining a GED. We applaud Indiana University's President Michael McRobbie and Purdue University's President France Córdova, as well as Notre Dame's President John Jenkins, for their early leadership in supporting your introduction of the bill to Congress for consideration. IUPUI is pleased to join them in this endorsement along with other colleges and universities across Indiana.

Tens of thousands of immigrant students graduate each year from high school only to find the doors to higher education closed to them because of significant barriers that arise owing to their immigration status. Access to financial aid, scholarships, and other opportunities are likewise out of reach. With the DREAM Act in place, these young people would become eligible to file a FASFA, which is required to receive federal, state, and most institutional aid. It means that college would become financially accessible to them. It is contrary to our nation's history, ideals, and best interests for the future to bar these students from the chance to contribute their talents to the country. You and Senator Durbin have wisely framed the legislation so that the achievement of permanent residency status is an incentive not only to improve one's individual prospects but also to become fully contributing members of society.

We sincerely hope that the DREAM Act becomes the law of the land.

Sincerely,



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