

June 16, 2010

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

Dear Senator Lugar;

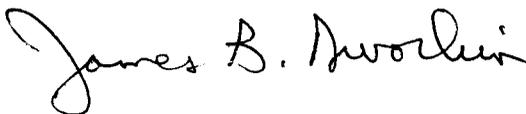
As a proud resident of the state of Indiana and as a professional educator, I am contacting you today in support of the DREAM ACT currently under consideration in Congress. I join many other Hoosiers in the belief that this legislation will be of tremendous benefit to our state and our nation.

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,



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Chancellor