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The Honorable Richard Lugar  
United States Senate  
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Washington, DC 20515-1401

Dear Senator Lugar:

I am pleased to join with other leaders in our state in support of the DREAM Act, which is currently being considered in Congress. Successful passage of this legislation will greatly assist many undocumented students achieve a college education and add to the creative and intellectual wealth of the country.

The legislation directly addresses several of the barriers to college enrollment for these young people, including the fundamental challenge of paying for higher education. For many, acceptance into college would also provide a better path toward conditional permanent residency. The life, learning and career opportunities created by these steps would have an enduring impact on students and their families. Society will clearly benefit.

Amid the unresolved broader debate in this country about immigration issues, the DREAM Act will empower people one by one to turn aspirations into action. It is a vital step forward, and it will change lives. DREAM also helps lay the groundwork for consensus on other fronts in the immigration debate, which can prompt more much-needed progress.

Senator Lugar, your leadership on the issue is deeply appreciated, and I wish to offer my support for this important bill.

Sincerely,



France A. Córdoba  
President