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The Honorable Senator Kirsten Gillibrand
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Dear Senator Gillibrand,

I am writing to applaud you for your fervent stance against President Trump's recent action regarding the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals ("DACA") policy DACA, and to let you know as president of Vassar College I stand with you. You and your colleagues are the only thing that stand between these young people and the threat of deportation.

As I know you understand, the young people affected by DACA have lived in the United States since being brought here as children, have grown up here and consider this country their home. Before DACA, they were unable to work or attend college. Vassar College is committed to offering higher education to an inclusive and diverse community and we urge you to work to protect the students on New York campuses that are affected by this policy change. Although the policy change will not go into effect for six months, the stress of deportation is destructive to them and to our communities.

Thank you in advance for your support of the DREAM Act (S.B. 1615) and the BRIDGE Act (S.B. 128) or any equivalent that allows the long-term continuation of DACA.

Sincerely,



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