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Dear Mr. Huffman,

It recently came to my attention that Donald Trump plans on repealing Deferred Action For Childhood Arrivals (DACA) in his first 100 days, and I am writing to you to ask that you use your representative power to appeal this legislation. If Donald Trump reverses DACA, the United States Government can, and likely will, deport millions of undocumented immigrants over time, brutally separating many families and reinforcing inhumane and dangerous labor conditions. Employers can get away with injustices such as withholding pay from undocumented workers and forcing them to do overtime without pay, since undocumented laborers cannot confidently speak up for fear of possible deportation. DACA provides many immigrants with an opportunity to benefit the United States economy and build credit for themselves and their families. I am requesting that you, as the representative for my hometown in California, tenaciously advocate for undocumented immigrants' rights to employment, education, safety, and health care as they pursue citizenship.

I go to college at University of California, Santa Cruz, which has a large population of students who identify as undocumented immigrants, many of which are understandably terrified for themselves and their family following the result of this presidential election. The American dream appears achievable through DACA: individuals who have immigrated to the United States before the age of 16 have been able to work for real wages, go to college, receive basic healthcare, and live outside of the threat of deportation. If Donald Trump and the legislative branch successfully repeal DACA, many undocumented college students and their families will struggle to maintain humane work funding their education, to continue college as a result of financial instability and all-encompassing stressors, to obtain affordable health care, and to evade possible deportation. These obstacles will likely provoke severe emotional hardship for a large body of students in school and distract them from their education, inside and outside of the University of California system. It is cruel and unconstitutional to take away undocumented immigrants', especially those who have lived here since before the age of 16, rights to employment, education and peace of mind as they struggle to acquire citizenship in America.

As I am sure you know, Marin County is a highly segregated area. I went to San Rafael High School, where the majority of students identify as Hispanic or Latino. Large populations of students are undocumented immigrants, almost all of who cluster in the Canal area, reflecting larger scales of socioeconomic inequity in America. Without Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals, there is no hope that the United States

government will recognize, address, and heal our country's socioeconomic divides, like the divides evident in Marin County.

I know there is only so much impact your votes can have on legislative movements, but my hope is that you will use your political platform to represent those who need, and do not have a recognized political voice. I ask that you speak often, honestly, and firmly about supporting the continuation of DACA within the House of Representatives. The United States — California especially with the largest population of undocumented immigrants — needs representatives to crusade for undocumented immigrants, whose constitutional rights and safety are currently threatened as a result of Donald Trump and his proposed cabinet's ignorance and bigotry. You have been appointed representative to defend the peoples' enumerated rights; I hope that you will honorably utilize this power to represent underrepresented groups in America.

Please let me know if there is anything I can do to help preserve DACA. This action is very important to me, to many people I know, and to many others that I do not.

Sincerely,  
Zoe Carrell