



January 17, 2018

The Honorable Cory Gardner  
354 Russell Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510

Re: Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA)

Dear Senator Gardner:

On behalf of the City Council of the City of Grand Junction, Colorado, I write in support of you and your continuing efforts to promptly attend to the needs of those effected now and into the coming months by the suspension of the 2012 Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program. On behalf of our constituents the Council is pleased that you have cooperated in a bipartisan fashion on this important issue and we urge the Senate and the House to pass a clean bill as soon as possible to prevent the end of DACA in March.

With your leadership we ask that you protect the work authorization of DACA holders and afford them a long overdue path to citizenship. Because of the importance of the issue to many of our constituents, we strongly urge the Senate and the House to act swiftly to create an immigration system that will ensure safer workplaces, provide a path to higher education and build a stronger economic future for our community, our State and our Nation. There are estimated to be 800,000 +/- people nationwide that are in danger of having their status and work permits taken away if the DACA program is ended. From our perspective there is no reason to end the prospect for decent jobs, educational opportunity and positive change that comes with encouraging productive members of our community to remain here. We hope that addressing DACA as a single issue will be the beginning of an immigration policy that will recognize the basic rights and dignity of all people and the roles and responsibilities they have in shaping our communities and our future.

Please advance legislation so that it can be approved well before the March 5, 2018 deadline for the expiration of DACA.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "J. Merrick Taggart", with a date "1.31" written below it.

J. Merrick Taggart  
Mayor and President of the Council

C: Mayor pro tem Boeschstein and Members of Council  
Greg Caton, City Manager  
John Shaver, City Attorney



January 17, 2018

The Honorable Michael Bennett  
261 Russell Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510

Re: Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA)

Dear Senator Bennet:

On behalf of the City Council of the City of Grand Junction, Colorado, I write in support of you and your continuing efforts to promptly attend to the needs of those effected now and into the coming months by the suspension of the 2012 Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program. On behalf of our constituents the Council is pleased that you have cooperated in a bipartisan fashion on this important issue and we urge the Senate and the House to pass a clean bill as soon as possible to prevent the end of DACA in March.

With your leadership we ask that you protect the work authorization of DACA holders and afford them a long overdue path to citizenship. Because of the importance of the issue to many of our constituents, we strongly urge the Senate and the House to act swiftly to create an immigration system that will ensure safer workplaces, provide a path to higher education and build a stronger economic future for our community, our State and our Nation. There are estimated to be 800,000 +/- people nationwide that are in danger of having their status and work permits taken away if the DACA program is ended. From our perspective there is no reason to end the prospect for decent jobs, educational opportunity and positive change that comes with encouraging productive members of our community to remain here. We hope that addressing DACA as a single issue will be the beginning of an immigration policy that will recognize the basic rights and dignity of all people and the roles and responsibilities they have in shaping our communities and our future.

Please advance legislation so that it can be approved well before the March 5, 2018 deadline for the expiration of DACA.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "J. Merrick Taggart". The signature is stylized and includes a date "1/17" written at the end.

J. Merrick Taggart  
Mayor and President of the Council

C: Mayor pro tem Boeschstein and Members of Council  
Greg Caton, City Manager  
John Shaver, City Attorney

January 17, 2018

The Honorable Scott Tipton  
United States House of Representatives  
218 Cannon House Office Building  
Washington, DC 205150001

Re: Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA)

Dear Congressman Tipton:

On behalf of the City Council of the City of Grand Junction, Colorado, I write to urge you to promptly attend to the needs of those effected now and into the coming months by the suspension of the 2012 Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program. On behalf of our constituents the Council anticipates your cooperation, in a bipartisan effort, on this important issue and we urge the House and the Senate to pass a clean bill as soon as possible to prevent the end of DACA in March.

With your leadership we ask that you protect the work authorization of DACA holders and afford them a long overdue path to citizenship. Because of the importance of the issue to many of our constituents, we strongly urge the House and Senate to act swiftly to create an immigration system that will ensure safer workplaces, provide a path to higher education and build a stronger economic future for our community, our State and our Nation. There are estimated to be 800,000 +/- people nationwide that are in danger of having their status and work permits taken away if the DACA program is ended. From our perspective there is no reason to end the prospect for decent jobs, educational opportunity and positive change that comes with encouraging productive members of our community to remain here. We hope that addressing DACA as a single issue will be the beginning of an immigration policy that will recognize the basic rights and dignity of all people and the roles and responsibilities they have in shaping our communities and our future.

Please approve legislation well before the March 5, 2018 deadline for the expiration of DACA.

Sincerely,



J. Merrick Taggart  
Mayor and President of the Council

C: Mayor *pro tem* Boeschstein and Members of Council  
Greg Caton, City Manager  
John Shaver, City Attorney