

September 25, 2017

The Honorable Elaine C. Duke
Acting Secretary of Homeland Security
Washington, D.C. 20528

Dear Acting Secretary Duke,

We are writing to express our profound concern and desire for relief from the administration's new deadline for the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program permit renewal of October 5, 2017. We believe that the decision to require all DACA recipients whose permits expire in the next six months to have their renewal submitted by October 5th is a deadline that is arbitrary and puts an undue financial burden on many law-abiding people within the program.

It will result in tens of thousands of current DACA holders losing their protection from deportation and ability to work legally and contribute to our nation. Further, it may push many into the shadows from fear. We ask that you postpone the current deadline, and replace it with the new date of January 15, 2018 or until Congress acts.

According to the US Citizen and Immigration Services (USCIS), 154,000 DACA beneficiaries have expiration dates between September 5, 2017 and March 5, 2018. Your recent announcement gives these 154,000 only a few short weeks to submit their DACA renewal applications. The artificial October 5th deadline to submit 154,000 DACA renewal applications is unworkable and impractical.

In the wake of this decision we respectfully request that the Department of Homeland Security and U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services extend the deadline for deferred action renewal until January 15, 2018 or until Congress has time to consider a legislative solution.

Thank you for your consideration and we look forward to your swift reply.

Sincerely,

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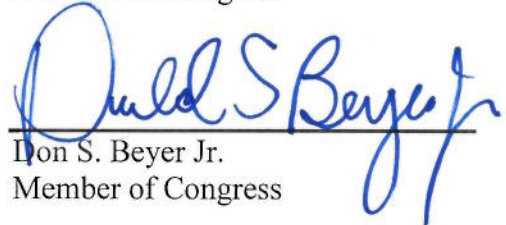
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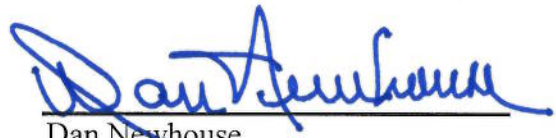
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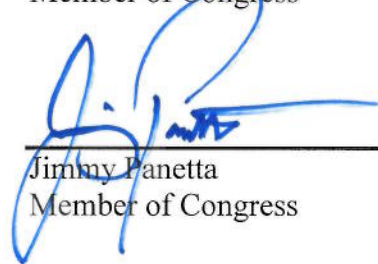
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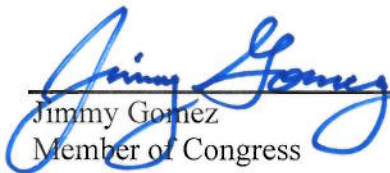
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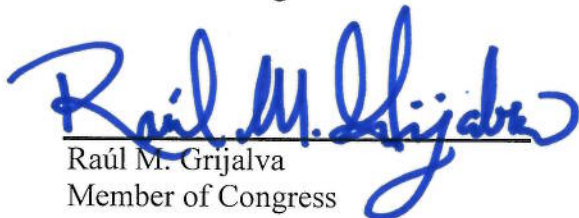
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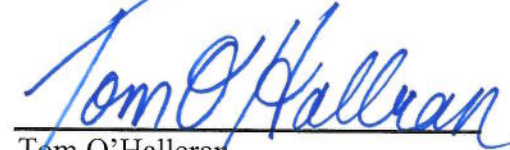
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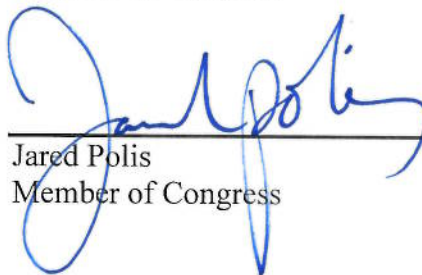


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