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Dear UA Community –

Yesterday I communicated (<https://www.alaska.edu/opa/letter-to-congressional-delegation-DACA-2017.09.11.pdf>) with our Congressional Delegation and strongly encouraged them to find a fair and expeditious solution to the recent announcement regarding the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals [DACA] program, specifically emphasizing the importance of our students' continued access to the full-range of educational opportunities provided by the University of Alaska.

While I understand there are substantial unresolved legal and political issues, I remain very concerned about the members of our community who may be impacted. This situation has caused tremendous uncertainty for them, and if not quickly resolved it will be detrimental to their ability to fully realize the academic and employment opportunities the University of Alaska provides.

I encourage all members of our university community—faculty, staff, and students—to show support for these students and to add your voice to mine in encouraging Congress to work towards a quick resolution of this important issue.

Chancellors Gingerich, Caulfield and White join me in this perspective and have reiterated that resources are available on every campus for those who seek additional information, resources or support.

At UAA: A list of resources across UAA campuses is available at <https://www.uaa.alaska.edu/about/equity-and-compliance/daca>.

At UAF: <https://www.uaf.edu/oip/>
<http://www.uaf.edu/chc/>

At UAS: <http://www.uas.alaska.edu/juneau/counseling/>
<http://www.uas.alaska.edu/dir/jgnelson.html>

Sincerely,
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