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The Honorable Richard Lugar 306 Hart Senate Office Building Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Lugar:

As members of the Indiana House of Representatives, we would like to offer our enthusiastic support in the passage of the federal DREAM Act. Sponsored by our own Indiana Senator Richard Lugar, the Development, Relief and Education for Alien Minors Act would signify an important step forward for millions of hard working immigrant children nationwide.

The DREAM Act is an important piece of federal legislation that provides a fair and honest opportunity for immigrant students to work their way towards permanent residency and citizenship. The DREAM Act is designed for graduates of American high schools, who are of good moral character, have arrived in the United States as children, and have been in the country continuously for at least five years prior to the bill's enactment, the opportunity to earn conditional permanent residency.

In addition, the DREAM Act would allow students to obtain temporary residency for a six year period; and within that time, the student must attend college and earn a two year degree, or serve in the military for two years in order to earn citizenship after the six year period.

Millions of children are asking for an opportunity to give back to the country they love. We in the Indiana House of Representatives fully support Senator Lugar's courageous efforts to afford them this opportunity. We sincerely hope you can stand with us in supporting this vital piece of legislation.

Sincerely,

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