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Dear Iowa State Community,

The United States Supreme Court issued a ruling today regarding the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program. The Supreme Court ruled the Department of Homeland Security's decision to end the DACA program was arbitrary because the DHS failed to consider important relevant factors in making its decision. The Court's ruling, however, does not prohibit the DHS from taking further action again to terminate the program.

I am writing to affirm Iowa State University's support for members of our community supported by DACA. DACA recipients, also known as "Dreamers," contribute to our campus and community in numerous ways. Dreamers are achievers and innovators at our university and they're gaining the knowledge and skills to help advance the economic and cultural vitality of the state of Iowa.

While many see this ruling as a positive step, what is needed is a permanent legislative solution that will offer stable protection for Dreamers, allowing them to continue to contribute to our society and economy by working, serving in the military, and attending college.

In 2019, I joined with 600 other university presidents and chancellors to sign a [letter](#) urging Congress to act to protect Dreamers. Iowa State University will continue to work with our national higher education associations, including the [Association of American Universities](#) and the [Association of Public and Land-grant Universities](#) to advocate for a legislative solution.

Iowa State remains committed to creating a welcoming and inclusive campus, where individuals from all over Iowa and the world have an opportunity to achieve their full potential through hard work, education, innovation and creativity.

Members of the Iowa State community who have questions related to DACA can access campus resources through the following sources:

- [Office of the Vice President for Diversity and Inclusion](#), email vpdioffice@iastate.edu
- [Student Assistance and Outreach](#), Dean of Students Office, email: studentassistance@iastate.edu
- [Multicultural Student Affairs](#), email: omsa@iastate.edu
- [University Human Resources](#), email: hrshelp@iastate.edu

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