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Dear Law School Community,

Today the president took action to eliminate the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) immigration policy unless Congress acts before March 2018. Among other things, DACA allows for college enrollment, work permits and deferred deportation proceedings for those who were brought as children to the United States without documentation and who meet other legal requirements. Many of those eligible for DACA are currently enrolled in colleges and universities across the country, including, of course here at UCLA and at our law school.

These Dreamers enrich our community and strengthen our schools and our nation. They are dedicated, passionate, and making a difference. I am enormously disappointed to see the president's action today, which will unfortunately create uncertainty and stress for these bright, talented young people, for whom, in many cases, the United States is the only country they have known as home. To our DACA students, I say this: I stand with you, and UCLA Law stands with you. I commit that we will do all within our power to support our students who have relied on DACA and the California Dream Act in order to pursue their passion for justice and a legal education.

Currently, we are in close contact with the UC Office of the President, the UCLA Chancellor's Office, and members of the Chancellor's Advisory Council on Immigration Policy, and are gathering information as it becomes available to provide resources to our students who may be impacted. We are also beginning conversations about how UCLA and the UC can best advocate both within this state and with Congress on this issue. Students with questions should feel welcome to reach out to Associate Dean Emily Scivoletto or to me, as well as to reach out directly to [Student Legal Services](#), or our [UCLA Undocumented Students Program](#). There is further helpful information here: <https://law.ucla.edu/student-life/ucla-campus-and-services/undocumented-student-resources/>.

Diversity and inclusion are core values of UCLA. Thank you for helping to make those values more than aspirations. I want to thank each of you for contributing your very best to our community, and for creating an environment that supports all of our students regardless of immigration status.

Best regards,

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