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The Honorable Harry Reid
Majority Leader of the United States Senate
Washington, D.C., 20510

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RE: DREAM Act Support

Dear Sen. Reid:

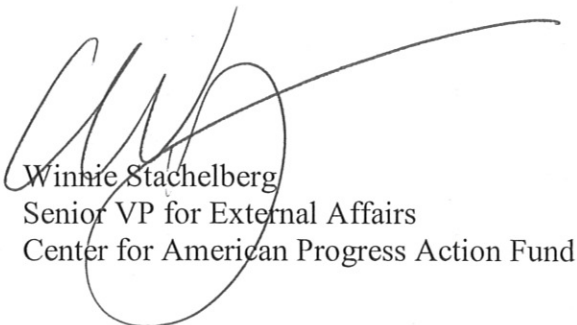
The Center for American Progress Action Fund (CAPAF) strongly supports the bipartisan DREAM Act. CAPAF has been a leader in the effort to overhaul and rationalize our immigration system and the DREAM Act has been an important component of every comprehensive immigration reform (CIR) proposal over the last several years.

Like many of the other component pieces of CIR, the DREAM Act alone is not a solution to the systemic problems plaguing our country's immigration policy. CAPAF does believe, however, that passing the DREAM Act would serve as an important legislative stepping stone towards enacting broader reforms that reset our nation's immigration policy.

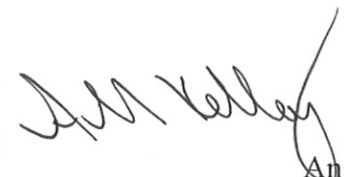
CAPAF's partner, Campus Progress, has made congressional enactment of the DREAM Act a high priority. Campus Progress has promoted and participated in numerous actions throughout the year to grow public support for this bipartisan proposal, which would create a path to earned citizenship for thousands of young students who were brought to the United States years ago as children. Our nation must not lose the intellectual and human capital that exists among promising immigrant students who have demonstrated a commitment to hard work and a desire to be contributing members to our society.

Passing the DREAM Act will advance the quality of life for millions of families and will help lay the groundwork for enactment of comprehensive immigration reform. We look forward to working with you on this, and all immigration legislation.

Sincerely,



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