

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

November 23, 2010

The Honorable Nancy Pelosi
Speaker
U.S. House of Representatives
H-232 U.S. Capitol
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Steny Hoyer
Majority Leader
U.S. House of Representatives
H-107 U.S. Capitol
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Madam Speaker and Majority Leader Hoyer:

We write to urge you to bring the DREAM Act to the floor of the House of Representatives before the end of the 111th Congress.

The lame-duck session is an opportunity to finally pass this crucial legislation, which would provide an estimated 934,000 undocumented children presently in elementary or secondary school with the chance to legalize their status by serving (at the appropriate time) in our nation's Armed Forces or attending an institution of higher education. Many of these young people have spent almost their entire lives in the United States, now desperately hoping that the DREAM Act would be enacted so they could have the same opportunities to pursue the American dream as their classroom peers. Unfortunately, they have been held hostage by a national immigration debate that has been both hostile and overtly partisan.

These children are blameless. For many of them, America is the only home they have ever known and English is the only language they speak. Holding these children accountable for an immigration status they did not choose and could not control is grossly unfair.

Now is the best opportunity we may have to pass the DREAM Act. Any further delay imperils the chance for these young people to eventually legalize their status and pursue a higher education.

We urge you to bring the DREAM Act to the floor in the lame-duck session, so we can finally pass legislation to put the American dream within reach for all of America's youth.

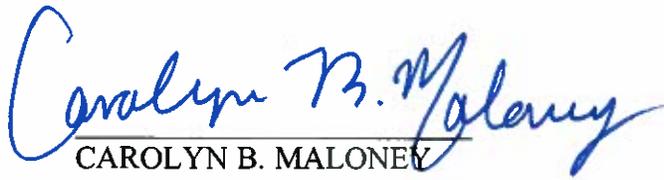
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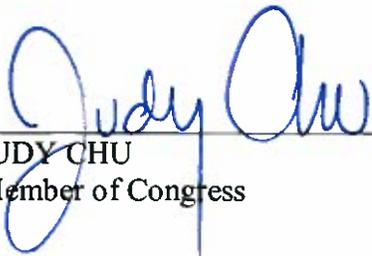
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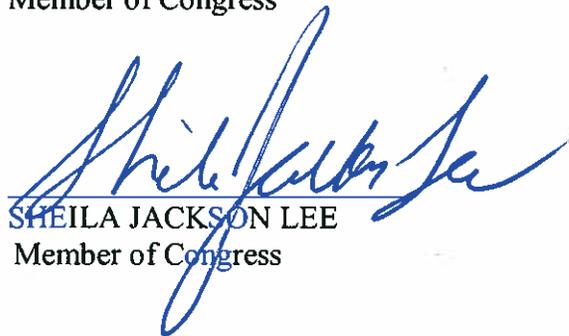
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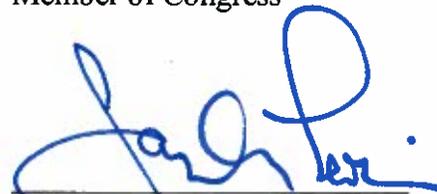
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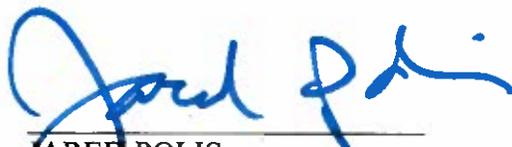
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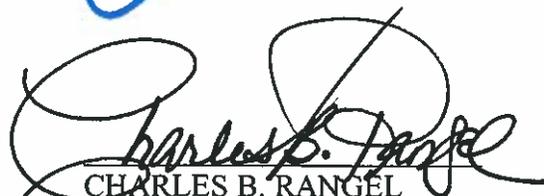
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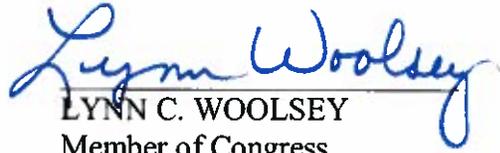
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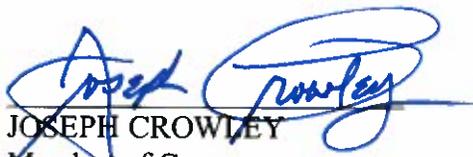
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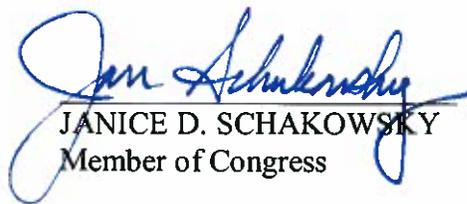
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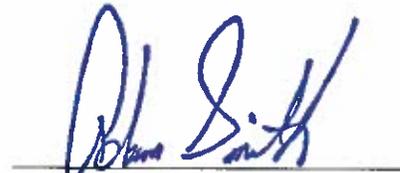

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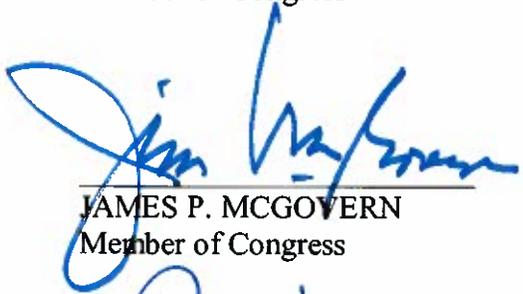

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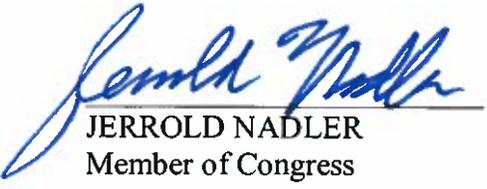
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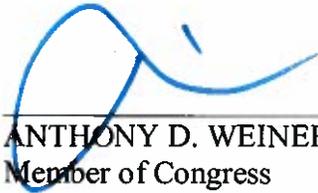
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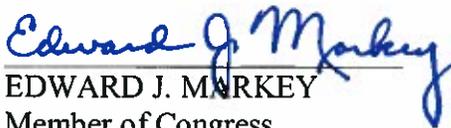
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