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Loyola Student Government  
Loyola University Chicago  
1032 W. Sheridan Road  
Chicago, IL 60660

Dear Loyola Student Government and all Loyola students:

I write to you in response to over 1,500 letters in support of Dreamers and DACA recipients that I received from Loyola University students. The activism displayed by the Loyola student body on behalf of nearly 800,000 of their neighbors across the United States is commendable and I want to thank you for supporting the Dream Act.

The President’s recent announcement to end the DACA program leaves over 40,000 young Illinois residents vulnerable to deportation and threatens to tear apart families across the United States. As one of your U.S. Senators, I strongly support the Dream Act introduced by Senators Dick Durbin and Lindsey Graham as I believe it is in the best interest of our great nation and, simply put, it is the right thing to do. As such, I have called on Congress to pass this legislation immediately to ensure young people at Loyola and across the country have the opportunity to pursue their ambitions and dreams in the nation they call home: the United States of America. I want to commend the Loyola Student Government, the Department of Student Diversity and Multicultural Affairs as well as Loyola’s student body for its activism and support on this issue and ask that you continue your public advocacy to ensure our nation is welcoming to immigrants.

Again, thank you for the Loyola University student body’s support for immigrants and for your letters in support of the Dream Act. My staff and I look forward to working with you more in the future to advocate for this much-needed legislation and other policies that will make our system more humane, fair and just for all.

Sincerely,

Tammy Duckworth  
U.S. Senator for Illinois