



COLORADO STATE UNIVERSITY

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

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Dear Sonia and Members of CSU Dreamer's United,

I hope that your Fall 2019 Semester has been intellectually rewarding and yet also afforded you time to relax, enjoy your friends, and get out into our beautiful community.

I am writing you to make sure you are aware that Colorado State University has signed the “amicus” or “friend of the court” brief in support of DACA in front of the U.S. Supreme Court. Justices will hear this case on Nov. 12 to decide whether the roll-back of DACA was lawful. This brief is our second public confirmation of our unwavering support of our DACA and immigrant students, following our signing of a letter to Congress in September, co-signed by dozens of other universities nationwide. You can read more about these initiatives here:

- <https://source.colostate.edu/cs-u-supports-congressional-action-to-address-daca/>
- <https://source.colostate.edu/colorado-state-university-system-joins-165-schools-urging-u-s-supreme-court-to-protect-daca/>

I've heard from some of our incredible faculty and staff who work with you as part of their day-to-day commitment to making CSU better. They have shared that some of you have more questions: *does CSU really support us? Does the President truly support us?*

The answer to both of those questions is an unequivocal and resounding **yes**. We support you. We value you. We want you here. We want you on our campus, in our community, and one day walking across a stage as our graduates. Moreover, I am personally proud of all of you for your resolute pursuit of your education and for your advocacy for yourselves. You are so impressive.

Sadly, you do carry the weight of the roll-back of DACA, but I urge you not to give up. We will not give up in our advocacy for you, both at the local and national levels. I sincerely hope that our recent public commitments to that advocacy reassure you all that we stand with you, now and going forward.

Warmly,

Joyce McConnell
President