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Senator Pat Toomey
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Dear Senators Casey and Toomey,

As presidents of Pennsylvania colleges and universities, we write to urge your co-sponsorship of the Bar Removal of Individuals Who Dream and Grow Our Economy (or BRIDGE) Act, introduced by Senators Durbin and Graham. We feel strongly that this bi-partisan legislation offers appropriate protection to hundreds of thousands of young people who strengthen our nation by pursuing educational and employment opportunities currently allowed by the DACA program. Among those supported by DACA are students who are thriving on our campuses, making significant contributions to our educational missions while preparing to advance our state's and our country's economic and social well-being. The BRIDGE Act therefore represents a noble and pragmatic expression of our national interest toward which we Pennsylvanians are passionately dedicated. Your co-sponsorship of this bill will send a powerful signal to our constituencies, the Senate, and the country that Pennsylvania stands behind those who work hard to improve society and supports a judicious approach to immigration status.

Respectfully,

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