



THE FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

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Senator George LeMieux
United States Senate
356 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator LeMieux:

The student body, faculty and administration at The Florida State University ask you to support the DREAM (Development, Relief, and Education for Alien Minors) Act.

As you are aware, each year about 5,000 undocumented immigrant students graduate from Florida high schools, but only 5 per cent go on to college, compared with 75 per cent of their classmates. Far too many of these students will graduate from high school without being able to plan for the future, without the opportunities they have worked for and deserve. The students who would benefit from this bill are high achievers who contribute to their communities, have learned English, pledge love and allegiance to this nation, have successfully graduated from a U.S. high school, have been accepted into a two- or four-year college or university or serve the U.S. armed forces, and have a clean record with the law.

Florida State University has been recognized as being at the forefront for recruiting and retaining a diverse student body where all of our students can thrive. The DREAM Act would allow us to offer this support to additional highly deserving students who are passionate about the American dream. With their proven commitment to hard work, ability to overcome adversity and strong desire to be contributing members of our society, these young people have the potential to be true assets for our state and our nation. It is shameful to reject them.

Our Student Government Association and our Council of Graduate Students have passed resolutions to support the DREAM Act, and we are enclosing copies of these documents.

We hope that you will add your voice to pass this much-needed legislation.

Sincerely,

Eric Barron
President