



Dear Colleagues:

There have been recent reports that the federal government may soon end the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program, which protects hundreds of thousands of undocumented immigrants from deportation. Were this to occur, it would affect many students here at the UNM and the Health Sciences Center.

These students, who were brought to this country as children, are our friends and colleagues. They are valued members of our community who have contributed so much to our institution. We would like to express our unwavering support for our DACA students and support their right to express their opinions in the public sphere regarding this potential change.

We recognize that opinions on this subject may differ, and we certainly respect those with other viewpoints. But we fully expect that going forward everyone at the University will treat one another with respect and civility.

With warm regards,

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