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To: Students and Community Everywhere

Dear Students, Community and Familia,

We are writing to you to express our firm and unequivocal objection to the decision taken by the Trump Administration to rescind the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA). It is an unjust move that does not honor the immense contributions DACA students make to our campus community and beyond.

Faculty, staff, and students are extremely distressed by this decision which follows on the heels of the pardon of Sheriff Joseph Arpaio, the violent expression of White Nationalism/Supremacy in Charlottesville and the ban on Muslim people's freedom and mobility. We see these acts as an expression of the extreme anti-immigrant and racist hostility that permeates our nation and targets our communities. Yesterday's declaration revoking the existing minimal protections of DACA is a rearticulation of racist notions of people from Mexico, Central America, South America and the Afro-Caribbean that will result in the rounding up, the police profiling and patrolling and forced deportation of young people and students, who exemplify in their status as DACA students, progress towards justice and equality. DACA supports individuals from across the Americas and the broader Asian Pacific Islander community. They are a population that is the best hope for this country in their intentions and in existence as free human beings. We remember that many "undocumented" peoples are in fact Indigenous to this continent, it is imposed borders that cloud this truth.

With that in mind, we are writing to voice our unconditional support to all AB540 and undocumented students, at this time. As UC Davis moves towards becoming a Hispanic Serving Institution, we seek meaningful institutional change that creates an educational community that protects, values, and structurally supports under-represented undergraduate and graduate students and their families. We ask all of the Davis community to stand with moral courage and strength to protect all people vulnerable to repression, criminalization and elimination.

Moving forward the Chicana/o Studies faculty and staff pledge that we will continue to support our students, regardless of citizenship status. We stand with our AB540 students. In these times of political crisis, we must remain vigilant and united against xenophobia. We will do our best to ensure every student one will be appreciated /respected/supported within our Department and classrooms. We will work in solidarity with our AB 540 Center and Chicax/Latinx Centers to provide the maximum guidance and support for our students. We believe that there will be opportunities now for all of us to use our expertise, courage and collective work to build

community with all who seek to create meaningful transformation and to fulfill the mission of public higher education here and in the state of California.

For now, as always, we are at your service,

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### **Resources for students, families and comunidad:**

#### **AB540 and Undocumented Student Center:**

1003 Student Community Center

Contact at (530) 752-9538

#### **Legal Hours**

- **For UC Davis students: For any legal question, please email [ucimm@law.ucdavis.edu](mailto:ucimm@law.ucdavis.edu)**
- **For community members: Laura Flores, Esq., and Marcus Tang, Esq., will be at the Center every other \*Thursday from 2pm - 4pm (\*starting Sept 7th, 2017)**  
<http://undocumented.ucdavis.edu>

#### **UC Undocumented Legal Services Center:**

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