I am writing as the president of CATESOL to urge you to support a legislative solution that will ensure that
the President’s recent action to eliminate the DACA program that allows undocumented students in the United
States will be reinstated.

CATESOL is a statewide association of teachers that work directly with students that are speakers of other
languages. The organization represents approximately 1500 teachers that provide these English as a second
language (ELD) services to students in K-12 and colleges and universities in California.

As ESL teachers in California, where there are thousands of DACA students thriving and being productive
members in our communities, we believe it is critical that Congress act quickly in order for these members of society
to avoid deportation and be given opportunities to apply for a more secure status in our state and nation. There is
compelling evidence that DACA recipients are some of our country’s highest performing and motivated students.
We cannot afford to waste this valuable resource.

Attached to this request letter is a White Paper developed by CATESOL members that outlines the history
and importance of the DACA program as well as a Board Resolution urging Congress to reverse the DACA actions
and restore opportunities for DACA students.

Thank you for your consideration of this important request.

Sincerely,

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CATESOL President