



To: Miami-Dade Congressional Delegation

FROM: Greater Miami Chamber of Commerce Executive Committee

DATE: January 16, 2018

SUBJECT: Greater Miami Chamber of Commerce Calls on Congress for DACA Solution

As the voice of business in South Florida, the Greater Miami Chamber of Commerce urges our Congressional leaders to construct an effective, long-term solution for Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) recipients. As Congress is concluding budget negotiations, our Chamber asks lawmakers to secure an immediate, balanced solution that gives consistency and stability without dividing our hard-working families.

The Greater Miami Chamber of Commerce has a long-standing history in support of immigrants. It has been a consistent, recurring priority we have shared with our delegation during our Congressional visits.

In 2002, we commenced a [study](#), "*Facts about Immigration and Asking 'Six Big Questions' for Florida and Miami-Dade County.*" More recently, our member Florida International University [reported](#) that "undocumented immigrants contribute more than \$437.4 million in taxes" in South Florida. Further, the Cato Institute's economic impact [study](#) determined that ending DACA and removing recipients would be "*a \$280 billion reduction in economic growth over the next decade.*"

We know that our Miami-Dade Congressional Delegation will continue its strategic support for bipartisan resolution before this window of opportunity closes to avoid our business community from being negatively impacted.

Our Chamber and its more than 700-member businesses, which represents more than 400,000 employees, strongly supports a long-term solution on behalf of our employees, co-workers, students, neighbors, and friends impacted by the impending termination of the DACA program.