

**Duke University**  
Durham  
North Carolina 27708-0001

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT  
BOX 90001

TELEPHONE (919) 684-2424  
FACSIMILE (919) 684-3050

December 7, 2010

The Honorable Kay Hagan  
U.S. Senate  
521 Dirksen Senate Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20510-3309

Dear Senator Hagan,

I write to ask for your support of S.3992, the Development, Relief and Education for Alien Minors (DREAM) Act.

Duke University is dedicated to providing all of our students with an educational experience that will prepare them for productive, engaged lives in service to society. Several enrolled students at Duke will find their options after graduation limited because of their documentation status. The DREAM Act would provide these students a pathway to citizenship, allow them access to additional funding sources to support their education, and permit them to work legally and earn money during their college years. Most importantly, the DREAM Act would allow these students to fulfill their potential and contribute to the nation as graduates of our University.

These students face unique barriers that are not of their doing. Many were brought to this country as infants and only realized the extent of the limitations on their education and employment opportunities once they arrived at the collegiate level. It is evident that passing the DREAM Act is a step in the right direction to help these students over this barrier. It is good policy, and simply put, it is the right thing to do.

I appreciate the complex political situation surrounding this issue. Like you, I also hope for comprehensive, progressive and thoughtful immigration reform in the near future. But I do not want the opportunity to pass this important piece of legislation to slip away.

I greatly appreciate your attention to this matter and look forward to seeing you soon.

Sincerely,



Richard H. Brodhead