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**JANET NAPOLITANO, PRESIDENT
UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA**

Re: Supreme Court Ruling on DACA

Dear Janet,

I write on behalf of the Academic Council to celebrate with you the June 18 Supreme Court decision to uphold the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program that protects immigrants brought into the US as minors without official permission.

We know that you created DACA as Secretary of Homeland Security in 2012, and that in 2017 the University under your leadership filed a lawsuit against the Federal Government's decision to end the program.

The Academic Council is immensely relieved by the Supreme Court decision. It ensures that many UC students, and some employees, are able to continue their lives in the US without the threat of immediate deportation. We thank you for your persistence and determination to ensure that DACA is upheld, and know that such decisions protect UC's reputation for excellence.

We also understand that the work is not yet done, given that the Supreme Court decision does not exclude future efforts to end DACA. We stand ready to work with the University to ensure that DACA recipients and other members of our undocumented community gain permanent legal protections.

Best wishes,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kum-Kum Bhavnani".

Kum-Kum Bhavnani, Chair
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cc: Provost Brown
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