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The White House
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Hon. President Obama,

United Teachers Los Angeles (UTLA) reaffirms its support for comprehensive immigration reform that creates a pathway to citizenship for immigrants already working in our communities, protects and preserves the unity of the family, and includes the DREAM Act for college students.

The recent demonstrations in Murrieta, California, have once again shown the need to address immigration issues and reform.

As educators and community members we have witnessed for far too long the fear and distress our broken immigration system has caused children and their families. We see these aspiring young people every day in our classrooms and schools. They are our students and our neighbors.

In accordance with actions taken at the 2014 National Education Association (NEA) Representative Assembly and the 2014 American Federation of Teachers Convention (AFT), UTLA supports efforts to ensure that children who are crossing our borders to prevent being physically violated be given support, shelter, protection and education. We join with NEA and AFT in asking you to suspend further deportations of undocumented youth and to extend the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program to support children fleeing oppressive conditions in other countries.

Sincerely,

Alex Caputo-Pearl
President, United Teachers Los Angeles