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Regarding: Call to Action

Gentlemen:

Since the election of Donald J. Trump, students are living in fear of the President-elect's threats to immediately deport hundreds of thousands of children by abolishing the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrival (DACA) program. Many of our students are in this country innocently and have been for most of their lives. We see The Rogers Foundation's mission as being more critical than ever, as we strive to transform lives through arts and education. Our programs support some of Southern Nevada's most vulnerable students, and we believe their rights and future are in danger.

Accordingly, The Rogers Foundation hereby calls for all K-12 and post-secondary education institutions to unequivocally and publicly declare that your campuses will be sanctuaries for undocumented students, staff, and their family members who face imminent deportation. We ask that you ensure that your faculty, administrative personnel, and all those employed by or associated with your respective institutions:

1. Refuse to release data to anyone regarding the immigration status of staff, students, and their families;
2. Refuse to allow immigration authorities access to your campus, physically, or by means of telephone, internet technologies, or social media platforms;
3. Provide policies that ensure a safe and nondiscriminatory learning environment regardless of any changes that may be made to Title IX; and,
4. Safeguard and support your campus communities by offering counseling or places to seek help.

Our students and their parents are also concerned that the President-elect's promised changes to our civil rights laws will adversely impact them. President-elect Trump's promised changes to Title IX will eliminate protections that ensure all students, without regard to race, gender, religion or sexual orientation, can learn in a safe and nondiscriminatory environment. In short, the President-elect has promised policies that will devastate our students' lives and divide our community.

Our K-12 and post-secondary education campuses must not only be physical safe spaces, but intellectual asylums where freedom to think, to speak, and to hold diverse views is championed. They should be zones where human rights are upheld, where privacy is respected, where bullying or ostracism cannot take place. Our students, now more than ever, deserve the basic American right not to live in fear. We will contact you shortly to urge concrete action in this regard.

Sincerely,

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