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Dear Senators and Representatives:

I'm a United Methodist Pastor at Metropolitan Ave. UMC. 3730 Metropolitan Ave., Kansas City, KS 66106, and I'm writing this letter as a strong endorsement for maintaining in state tuition for undocumented students who meet the in state requirements that are presently mandated.

I have personally met quite a few of the students who have been helped by this benefit and have been impressed by how these students are hard-working and goal oriented, with high academic standing in spite of the many obstacles they have faced in their young lives. Historically, as a country, we can see how first generation immigrants add greatly to our country if given the opportunity to use their talents for the common good. For many of these students this is the only country they remember since they were brought over here at a young age. It is their beloved state and country!

Being that I am a third generation Hispanic, born in south Texas, I have personally seen my Hispanic heritage contributed to this county. My Father served in the US Army during War World II and I was able to serve in the US Army from 1972- 1976 plus service with the Texas National Guard and service in the Coast Guard Reserve to 1986. My son served in the US Marines from 2003 – 2006. I'm also a retire Firefighter from the City of McAllen Texas, I serve from 1977 to 2003, I retired after 25 years and 6 months in the fire department. I have being serving as a United Methodist Pastor for at least 9 years.

As you can see, Hispanic people can contribute this county if giving the chances and if the doors for education are allow to remain open to them. Let us do what is right for our state in the long run instead of being bullied by a small group of negative people and allow these young people to fulfill their God given potential and dreams.

Most Sincerely,

Reverend Cruz Guerra