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The Honorable Richard J. Durbin
U.S. Senate
309 Hart Senate Office Building
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Dear Senator Durbin:

Thank you for your letter dated September 30, 2010. I was also gratified to stand with you at the One Nation One Dream Unity Rally to help bring our country together around the priorities of jobs, education and immigration reform.

Your leadership in the Senate on behalf of the DREAM Act and comprehensive immigration reform has been tireless and exceptional. Despite the challenges we face in the current political climate, I have no doubt that we will succeed in helping deserving immigrants achieve their dreams and contribute to the best of their abilities to our nation.

I appreciate your support of my bill, H.R. 4321, the CIR ASAP Act. I agree that comprehensive reform must protect American and immigrant workers and hold abusive employers accountable. I want to especially thank you for your support of comprehensive immigration reform when it mattered most—when it was brought before the Senate for a vote in 2006 and 2007. Working together, I am confident that you and I will both have a chance to cast another vote in favor of comprehensive immigration reform in the near future.

I am proud that you, our senior Senator from Illinois, are a champion of immigrant students and immigrant workers and their families. Thank you for your leadership. I look forward to our ongoing collaboration to achieve our shared legislative goals for the benefit of our communities and our nation.

Sincerely,



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Member of Congress