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Via First Class Mail

Councilmember Michael A. Brown
Council of the District of Columbia
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Re: PR 19-1002, Sense of the Council Resolution Encouraging Congress to Enact the DREAM Act Resolution of 2012

Dear Councilmember Brown:

On behalf of the Hispanic Bar Association of the District of Columbia ("HBA-DC"), we write to thank you for your introduction of the Sense of the Council Encouraging Congress to Enact the DREAM Act Resolution of 2012, PR 19-1002. We appreciate your support of this important issue.

The HBA-DC visited the Council this summer to promote a model resolution as part of a project of the Hispanic National Bar Association ("HNBA"), of which we are an affiliate, advocating for state legislature resolutions in support of the Development, Relief, and Education for Alien Minors ("DREAM") Act. Your helpful staff, including Alma Molina and Drew Hubbard, indicated your support for the DREAM Act from the start. Chairman Mendelson agreed to introduce the resolution but we understand that he was unable to do so and that you took action to introduce the resolution. We greatly appreciate your initiative to move this resolution through the Council.

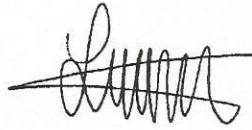
We look forward to the passage of PR 19-1002. The Council's action will serve as a model for the rest of the nation in HNBA's national DREAM Act advocacy.

The HBA-DC exists in part to promote equal justice and opportunity for all Hispanics. We believe that the DREAM Act advances this mission. It is both necessary to our country's economy and a fundamentally fair thing to do for promising young people who came to this country involuntarily as children. We commend the Council's commitment to join us as we encourage the United States Congress to enact the DREAM Act.

The HBA-DC is a non-profit organization established in the District of Columbia in 1977 and our membership includes several hundred lawyers practicing in Washington, D.C., Maryland, and Virginia, Latino students attending law schools, and other non-lawyers who join as associate members.

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Very truly yours,



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