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Aliento was founded by Reyna Montoya, a Dreamer who was personally impacted by not having access to the same educational opportunities as her peers. Dreamers are Arizona students who came to the US as children. Arizona Dreamers studied hard, listened to their teachers and followed the rules, yet were not eligible for in-state tuition or public scholarships. Aliento is deeply committed to co-creating and building a place where human potential is nurtured. Aliento supports students and families impacted by the inequities of lacking an immigration status through education initiatives, arts & healing programming, leadership development training, policy & advocacy.

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Our dreamer high school graduates deserve the same tuition rates all other classmates pay. It's only fair. They are our kids. Education attainment will assure every young adult the absolutely best life outcome. Arizona is better than holding them back for any political or prejudicial points. I'm tired of being embarrassed for actions of lawmakers before us who had mean spirited agendas against completely innocent young people. It's time to find our better angels and be completely fair to all our graduating high school classes.

Bob Worsley, Retired State Senator, Arizona Senate, Heber

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We are part of the Aliento Fellowship alumni network. We are impacted students from Arizona schools who have spent time and energy advocating for our own, our friends', and our family's access to in-state tuition. We grew up in Arizona and attended these schools with our friends, but we don't have the same opportunities from this state we call home. Prop 308 gives us and other Dreamers the same pathway to higher education as our fellow citizen classmates, nothing more and nothing less.

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Our friends grew up with us and went to Arizona schools with us. Our Dreamer friends work harder than anyone, whether as student leaders across clubs and organizations on campus or as students working on their education. As student leaders on different campuses, we all agree that Dreamers, like our friends, should have the same access to in-state tuition that we currently have. Dreamers are Arizona students.

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ARGUMENT FOR PROPOSITION 308

K-12 education has long been a place where students become comfortable and successful as they prepare to participate in our local economy and workforce. But for dreamers, high school graduation marks the expiration of those opportunities. Dreamers have faced many challenges throughout their lives. For many of them, Arizona is the only home they know. They live in our neighborhoods, go to our schools and are part of our communities. We need to be offering opportunities to them to succeed and Prop 308 will do just that.

Prop 308 will give Arizona Dreamers the chance to earn a higher education, giving every Arizona student a fair shot and making our state and workforce stronger. Dreamers deserve the same opportunities as all other Arizona students.

Please vote Yes on Prop 308. It's the right thing to do.

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Georgina Monsalvo, Organizing Director, Stand for Children, Phoenix

Our Arizona young men and young women need to be encouraged in their efforts to gain an education and to progress in life. To label a segment of our youth as undeserving of that encouragement because of a decision their parents made to come to this country when they were children seems unwise and counterproductive. Currently, Arizona law requires “dreamer” children to pay over twice as much tuition to attend college as their high school classmates. Prop 308 corrects that inequity. These young people are our friends and neighbors. Higher education will be a blessing to them, to their children, to their children’s children, and to our Arizona communities. Prop 308 gives them hope.

Wilford Andersen, Gilbert

Valley Interfaith Project strongly supports Prop 308 which would ensure that all Arizona high school graduates, including Dreamers, will pay in-state tuition at our state colleges and universities.

Approximately 2,000 Dreamers graduate from Arizona high schools each year. These young people and their families are integral to our communities, and they should have the same opportunities as all Arizonans. Their success benefits us all.

Proposition 308 will make post-secondary schooling truly accessible, enabling students to pay their own way through college and prepare them to become self-reliant and contributors to our social fabric and to our economy. We need their talent, energy, and leadership to help shape a dynamic future for the next generation.

It is time to set this matter right and make Arizona a place to realize the American Dream.

Martha Seaman, President of VIP Board, Valley Interfaith Project, Phoenix

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Signers of this argument FOR APPROVAL of Prop. 308 know Dreamers. Many taught these kids in school and religion classes, or coached them in drama and sports. Others know them as they hang out with their own children and grandchildren.

APPROVAL of Prop. 308 will allow ALL Arizona kids, including Dreamers, who graduate from high school, whether it be public, private, or home school, and who have attended an Arizona high school for two years, to attend college, paying in-state tuition.

APPROVAL of Prop. 308 will help Arizona universities and colleges that are striving to increase enrollment.

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Dreamers, like most of us when we were in high school, want to be teachers, lawyers, doctors, nurses, law enforcement officers, and social workers, or to serve in the military. Dreamers in high school donate many hours to community service learning projects.

APPROVAL of Prop. 308 will NOT impact Arizona's General Fund. (Arizona Legislative Counsel)

APPROVAL of Prop. 308 will allow these Arizona kids who would benefit from in-state tuition and graduate within six years to pay as much as an additional \$2.4 million in state and local taxes, and the same additional amount in federal taxes. (American Immigration Council Fact Sheet, June 14, 2022)

Voting YES on Prop. 308 for in-state tuition for ALL of our Arizona youth is economically prudent, but it is also the moral, just and humane thing to do.

Patsy Stoneburner, Mesa; Beatrizantonia Cortez, San Tan Valley; Sarah Eary, Phoenix; Charlotte Prado, Mesa; Kay M Grams, Phoenix; Dianne Post, Phoenix; Esther Duran Lumm, Vice President, Arizona Hispanic Community Forum, Phoenix; Joyce Chivari, Casa Grande; Alan Tavassoli, President, Catholic Coalition for Migrant Justice, Phoenix; Rachel Leyva, Tempe; Eddie Chavez Calderon, Campaign Director, Arizona Jews for Justice, Scottsdale; Mike Santoro, Anthem; Rhonda Santoro, Anthem; Mary Jo Forman Miller, Executive Director, Refugee Aid, Fountain Hills; Troy Bracamonte, Phoenix; Carolyn O'Connor, Co-Chair, Uncage and Reunite Families Coalition, Mesa; Nancy Wellmeier, Sister, Sister of Notre Dame de Namur, Mesa; Petra Falcon, Executive Director, Promise Arizona, Phoenix; Richard Leveille, Mesa; Jami Alvarez, Anthem; Richard Alvarez, Anthem; Usama Shami, President, Islamic Community Center of Phoenix, Glendale; Angel Campos, Senior Pastor, Monte Vista Cross Cultural Church, Phoenix; Janice Leveille, Mesa; and Lu O'Meara, Scottsdale

Dreamers are children who grew up in Arizona, and they should be considered assets to our communities and our economy. Encouraging them to attend college is the best choice for the future of Arizona. These students should be able to attend our community colleges or universities at the same cost as other in-state students. They don't need a hand out, but they deserve a level playing field.

The future of Arizona will depend on our policy decisions that either create opportunity or take it away. Stunted opportunity leads to limited economic mobility and potentially more economic costs for Arizona's taxpayers. Every child in Arizona has untapped potential and should have equal opportunity to study hard, go to college affordably if they choose, and contribute to building our state's future.

Proposition 308 would not impact Arizona's general fund one cent, yet passing it would enable each graduate to drive an estimated additional \$660,000 into our economy versus those with only a high school degree. This just makes sense for Arizona! Other states, such as Utah, Texas and Oklahoma have already passed in-state tuition for dreamers and they're likely to attract the best talent while strengthening their businesses and overall economy.

Let's pass Proposition 308 so Arizona's future can be the best it can be.

Kimber Lanning, CEO, Local First Arizona, Phoenix

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Jesuits West CORE Arizona is composed of members of St. Francis Xavier Catholic Parish, Brophy College Preparatory, and Kino Border Initiative communities. These Jesuit organizations are impelled by our shared Catholic Faith, Jesuit Charisms, and the needs of our community and our world to hear the call for Racial Equity and Justice.

Dreamers and their families should receive equal State benefits provided they pay their taxes like other Arizonians.

As such, we support Prop 308.

Emilio Rodriguez Izquierdo, Jesuits West CORE AZ, Phoenix; Elvia Robles, Jesuits West CORE AZ, Phoenix; Junee Castro, St. Francis Xavier Catholic Parish, Phoenix; Delia Ortega-Nowakowski, Brophy College Preparatory, Phoenix; Joshua Utter, Jesuit Refugee Service, Phoenix; Natividad Manjarrez, Jesuits West CORE AZ, Phoenix; Lourdes Soria, Jesuits West CORE AZ, Phoenix; Julita Laborde, St Francis Xavier Catholic Parish, Phoenix; Luz F. Leal, St. Francis Xavier Catholic Parish, Phoenix; Ramon Flores Peña, St. Francis Xavier Catholic Parish, Phoenix; Isidro Lépez S.J., Fr., St. Francis Xavier Catholic Parish, Phoenix; Elisa Guerrero, St. Francis Xavier Catholic Parish; Phoenix; Louise Civile, St. Francis Xavier Catholic Parish, Phoenix; Ana Maria Fernandez, St. Francis Xavier Catholic Parish, Phoenix; Maria Delia Greth, Phoenix; Julieta F. Lizarraga, St. Francis Xavier Catholic Parish, Phoenix; and George Teodoro S.J., Fr., St. Francis Xavier Parish; Phoenix

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All Arizona youth deserve access to educational opportunities to thrive. Prop. 308 will create a more equitable Arizona by granting Undocumented students access to in-state-tuition.

Students will benefit from Prop. 308 if they 1) attended an Arizona school for at least 2 years and 2) graduated from a school in Arizona. This measure will have a great impact on Arizona's young people by expanding their access to higher education in the short term and creating opportunities for them in the long run.

Currently, 2,000 Undocumented students graduate from Arizona high schools every year, with most lacking the institutional support, guidance, and supportive network they deserve. These youth are eager to pursue a college education and give back to their communities. They are an integral part of our community and deserve a chance to pursue a higher education. If passed, Prop. 308 will allow Arizona high school graduates and current college students to stay in Arizona to pursue their education, rather than pushing them to go out of state.

This is a historic opportunity for Arizona voters to allow all students to receive in-state tuition. If Prop. 308 were passed, over 12,000 Undocumented students who call Arizona home will be able to benefit immediately and pursue their educational goals.

Carolina Silva, Executive Director, ScholarshipsA-Z, Tucson

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Helios Education Foundation urges all Arizonans to vote Yes on Prop 308. Your vote matters more than ever to ensure that Arizona values are reflected in our policies.

Prop. 308 provides in-state tuition to ALL Arizona high school graduates regardless of immigration status. If passed, DREAMers who have lived in Arizona for more than two years and have graduated from an Arizona high school will be eligible for in-state tuition rates and state-funded scholarships.

Prop. 308 already has bi-partisan legislative and community support, which was essential last year to getting it placed on the November 2022 ballot. Now, we need your bi-partisan vote for Prop. 308.

Helios stands in partnership with DREAMers, who have studied hard and see education as a way to advance their lives, their families, and our communities. DREAMers are not asking for special favors. They meet the same admission standards as other Arizona students. They should not have to pay 1.5 times the tuition other Arizona students do.

It's not only the moral thing to do, it's also a matter of economics. Each college graduate adds \$660,000, on average, to the Arizona economy. We can't afford to lose these students or their contributions.

Helios is championing the goals of increasing college going and graduation and Prop. 308 is essential to meeting those, as well as the community-driven, statewide attainment goal Achieve60Az. Helios has a long track record of supporting scholarships to DREAMers and supporting organizations that support DREAMers.

Most important, Helios supports Prop. 308 as a statement about what Arizonans say Arizona wants to be—a community that embraces all our students and an economy that keeps our high school graduates in Arizona. Every Arizona student deserves a high-quality postsecondary education.

Vote YES on Prop 308.

Vince Roig, Founding Chairman, Helios Education Foundation, Phoenix and Paul J. Luna, President and CEO, Helios Education Foundation, Phoenix

As business and civic leaders, we know how important Dreamers (the children of undocumented immigrants) are to Arizona's economy. College-bound Dreamers came here through no choice of their own. They are Arizona kids who are part of our community, yet are regarded as out-of-state students who pay three times as much as in-state students, even though they graduated from our high schools. Dreamers should pay the in-state tuition rate, adhering to the same admission standards as other Arizona students.

Removing the financial roadblock for Dreamers to attend college is not only fair but also good policy. On average, a college graduate contributes \$660,000 more to the Arizona economy than a high school graduate. Keeping the Dreamers in Arizona's talent pool would greatly benefit the state in the long-term and immediately during a global workforce shortage.

Prop. 308 will help Arizona reach its goal of 60% of its working population having post-secondary education by 2030. And the proposition would have zero impact on the General Fund - meaning that it will cost taxpayers nothing extra to do this. Conservative-led states, including Utah, Texas, Oklahoma and

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Arkansas, have passed in-state tuition for Dreamers, and thus have an advantage over Arizona in the search for top-notch employees.

For these reasons, we're voting YES on Prop. 308 in November - as should everyone who cares about our state's growth and prosperity.

John Lewis, President/CEO, PHX East Valley Partnership, Gilbert; Sintra Hoffman, President/CEO, Westmarc, Goodyear; and Mike Hutchinson, Executive Vice President, PHX East Valley Partnership, Mesa

We urge Arizonans to vote YES on Proposition 308.

Education Forward Arizona believes that every student in Arizona should have the opportunity to pursue education or training after high school. If passed, this proposition will annually help nearly 2,000 DREAMers, who graduated from Arizona high schools, gain access to a more affordable education at a community college or state university by allowing them to use in-state tuition rates - the same amount that their peers pay.

Access to a college or university sets students up for future success in their life or career. It also helps strengthen our economy. Our 2016 study found that if the state increased attainment to meet future workforce needs, Arizona would see \$7.4 billion in economic gains.

As champions of the state's Achieve60AZ goal, which is to increase the number of Arizonans with a degree or credential, we believe this effort will help move us closer to meeting the goal and will create a more inclusive and equitable postsecondary system.

Increasing education attainment matters for the future success of our students and for Arizona. Please join us in voting YES to support Proposition 308.

Rich Nickel, President and CEO, Education Forward Arizona, Phoenix

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Please join me and a bipartisan coalition of supporters in voting YES on Proposition 308. Currently, Dreamers - students who often have only known Arizona as their home - pay thousands more in tuition than their peers. We are proposing a very simple change in the law: anyone who has lived in Arizona for two years and graduated from a local high school will qualify for in-state tuition at Arizona universities.

These students deserve a chance at a college education and to make their full contribution to our state's economy. Preventing hardworking students from realizing their dream of a college degree doesn't make sense. Allowing for more students to succeed will benefit all of us. Join me in voting YES.

Phoenix Mayor Kate Gallego

Kate Gallego, Mayor of Phoenix, City of Phoenix, Phoenix

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Each year, more than 3,600 Arizona students graduate from high school in Arizona without a clear pathway to affordable higher education. Students who were brought to the U.S. as children, also known as “DREAMers,” after the federal DREAM Act, often do not remember living in any other country. These students face barriers to workforce development, economic prosperity, and the ability to pursue competitive skills. They are classmates, community members, and colleagues. They are neighbors, entrepreneurs, small business owners, and taxpayers. By one estimate, undocumented immigrants contribute to our economy and public services, paying \$234 million in local and state taxes in Arizona each year. They are American in every sense of the word, except on paper.

The Arizona Center for Economic Progress supports the passage of Proposition 308. A YES vote will allow Arizona DREAMers who have lived in Arizona for more than two years and graduated from an Arizona high school the choice to attend Arizona’s public universities and community colleges at an in-state tuition rate (the same rate as all other resident Arizona high school graduates pay), reducing the cost by more than 50 percent annually.

Creating a pathway to in-state tuition is not only the right thing to do for DREAMers, but it is a sound investment in Arizona’s economic future.

May Mgbolu, Assistant Director of Policy and Advocacy, Arizona Center for Economic Progress, Mesa and Andrew Sugrue, Assistant Director of Policy and Advocacy, Arizona Center for Economic Progress, Phoenix

Education is key to Arizona’s economic future. Having an educated workforce is essential to attracting more companies and jobs to come to our state and increasing wages for all Arizonans. It makes sense that every graduate from an Arizona high school who has put in the work over the years to receive a diploma should be eligible for in-state tuition at the state’s universities and community colleges. Doing so will benefit all Arizonans. Evidence shows that achieving a college degree will increase the earning power of those students. As their earning power increases, they can build a life for themselves and their families; pay taxes; and contribute to the schools, roads, parks, and other things that we all benefit from.

A YES vote on Prop 308 will establish a fair and equal pathway for Arizona high school graduates, regardless of immigration status, to attend college and become skilled taxpaying members of the workforce in the state they call home. A YES vote on Prop 308 is a vote for a stronger economic future for Arizona and stronger communities for all children and families to thrive.

David Lujan, President and CEO, Children’s Action Alliance, Phoenix

On 9/11, I was in sixth grade. I remember watching the attack on the World Trade Center and being so angry that all I wanted to do was join the U.S. Marines so I could defend my country. I held onto that dream until my 18th birthday when I went to enlist. But after I was turned away, my parents finally explained why: I was born in Mexico, not the U.S.

That meant that I was undocumented – had no legal status here – and hence was not eligible to enlist. I was devastated. I still am.

I’m a “Dreamer” – one of the millions of undocumented Americans brought here as children. DACA

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allows has allowed us to stay in the U.S. to study and work.

I've done just that, starting my own get-out-the-vote consulting firm in Arizona. My personal story even inspired a creative team to make a musical about it – ¡Americano! – one that's gone all the way from the Arizona stage to New York City.

It's not just about altruism, either.

America needs our hard work, our tax dollars, and our spending power. In Arizona alone, there are more than 36,000 DACA-eligible residents, 95% of whom are employed. We create nearly \$800 million in household income and pay \$180 million in taxes, \$87 million of that being state and local. We have a total spending power of \$618 million.

Nationally, of the 1.1 million DACA-eligible Americans, 95% percent of us are employed and nearly 47,000 of us are entrepreneurs. We pay \$6.2 billion in taxes and have a total spending power of \$20.2 billion.

I ask voters to support Arizona Dreamers like me by voting YES on Prop 308.

Antonio Valdovinos, CEO and Founder, La Machine Consulting, Phoenix

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Prop 308 is simple and makes a lot of sense: It lets kids who have both gone to our schools for at least 2 years, and graduated here, be treated like all other Arizona kids when it comes to tuition at our colleges. Arizona kids who follow their parents out of state for jobs, etc., can come back to our universities at the in-state rate. Kids who grew up here and have been an important part of our community, but are undocumented, will now be able to afford to go to college because of Prop 308. Currently those kids have to pay out of state rates. I have known many "dreamers" through my church, and in my Boy Scout troop, and through our neighborhood schools who are on par with the finest Arizona kids. They bear no culpability for any wrongdoing whatsoever, and it is morally wrong to impose punitive tuition rates like we currently do to them in Arizona. Arizona is one of only 4 states to punish kids this way. We should be better than this. It is also smart economic policy to encourage these students to go to college, where they will become self-sufficient contributors to our economy. Some people argue that this policy will encourage illegal immigration, but that is totally unsupported by any evidence whatsoever. 19 other states have versions of Prop 308, and it didn't affect immigration at all. Let's do the economically smart and morally sensible thing and pass Prop 308, and get more of our Arizona kids through college. Thank you!

Tyler Montague, Chairman, Yes on 308, Mesa

The Greater Phoenix Chamber supports Proposition 308.

The proposition would allow non-citizen students, except those considered to be “nonresident aliens” under federal law, to receive in-state college tuition when they attend school for at least two years and graduate from a public school, private school or homeschool in Arizona.

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Previous policy prohibited undocumented residents from receiving publicly funded services, including financial aid and in-state college tuition, causing Dreamers to pay significantly more to attend Arizona public higher education institutions. This referral would repeal these provisions and allow non-citizen Dreamers to receive in-state college tuition, making the state's economic future much more secure. To be clear, this proposal does not provide free tuition, but rather levels the playing field among Arizona students.

Nearly 2,000 Dreamers graduate from Arizona high schools each year, but many leave the state to pursue more affordable higher education and ultimately end up working in another state. Each college graduate from an Arizona school produces an estimated \$660,000 return. As we work to help expand businesses here in our state, there is no question that allowing Dreamers to receive in-state tuition is vital for a healthy future and economy for Arizona.

According to current economic projections and reports, the state is not nearly equipped with the workforce needed for the rapidly growing Arizona economy. In passing this initiative, Arizonan's can help boost our economy Arizona's economy by tapping into these Arizona students. Members from both political parties and numerous business and community leaders in Arizona agree that all Arizonans should be met with dignity, respect, and opportunity, including our Dreamers.

On behalf of our 2,400 business members, we urge you to join us in voting YES on Proposition 308.

Todd Sanders
President & CEO
Greater Phoenix Chamber

Todd Sanders, President & CEO, Greater Phoenix Chamber, Phoenix

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The Arizona Interfaith Network urges all Arizona voters to support Proposition 308. Thousands of Arizona students graduate from high school each year and see their dreams derailed by exorbitant tuition costs that we do not charge their peers. Either they leave Arizona for other states that recognize their potential, or their futures are sidetracked and delayed.

These young people are our neighbors, friends, fellow congregants, and co-workers. They are integral to our community, and they want to succeed. Prop 308 will allow them to contribute back to our state countless ways, and we will be proud of them. Other neighboring states already make this provision for their dreamers, and they are the better for it.

Our respective faith traditions all ascribe to integrating the Stranger into full participation in the workings of our society, allowing them to assume positions of responsibilities and care for our collective well-being. We can think of no better way to embody this than support of Proposition 308.

Rabbi John A. Linder, Senior Rabbi, Temple Solel
Rev. Rock Fremont, Senior Pastor, Shepherd of the Hills UCC

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John Linder, Senior Rabbi, Temple Solel, Paradise Valley and Rock Fremont, Senior Pastor, Sheppherd of the Hills UCC, Phoenix

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As a Jesuit/Catholic University School of Medicine in Phoenix, Creighton is authorized to enroll students from other countries. We value the diversity of perspectives offered by students that arrive here with different backgrounds and life experiences. We warmly look forward to recruiting and supporting the education of many of these students. Most of these students merely followed their parents here and have become truly Arizonans who love this country. We have already interacted with many of these students as part of our high school pathway programs. We have found these students very engaged, interested and quite invested in making it in the global society. We proactively support efforts to help develop this diverse group of students.

Randy Richardson, Regional Dean, Creighton University School of Medicine, Phoenix

I have a combined 30 years of law enforcement and public safety experience and have served as your Maricopa County Sheriff for six years.

As a supporter of DACA, I also support allowing DACA recipients to receive in-state tuition. These youth are already part of the American fabric, contributing to the greatness of our nation, and should have the same benefits as the friends, neighbors, and classmates they've grown up alongside. Ensuring DACA recipients have fair opportunities to pursue an education has great value not only for them but for our entire community.

I ask for your support for these Arizona students.

Paul Penzone, Maricopa County Sheriff, Maricopa County Sheriff's Office, Phoenix

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Vote the Golden Rule: YES on Prop 308

Fifteen years ago, a ballot measure passed punishing Dreamers – kids who were brought to Arizona by their parents as a child without proper documentation. That measure, called Proposition 300, prohibits Dreamers (people in the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program) from qualifying for in-state tuition at our public universities and community colleges. It also prevents them from competing for scholarships funded by local or state government.

Each year about 2,000 students graduate from Arizona high schools only to run into a brick wall because of that law. Dreamers have to pay a lot more for tuition in Arizona public universities & community than their high school classmates even if they've been living in Arizona and went to high school here.

For example, a Dreamer graduating from an Arizona high school pays more than \$326 per credit hour at a Maricopa County Community College while his or her classmate from the same high school pays only

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\$85. In-state tuition at ASU is \$10,978, but for an in-state Dreamer it's \$16,500 - and they're not even allowed to compete for local or state government scholarships.

On what planet is that fair?

Proposition 308 fixes that inequity by letting Dreamers who went to high school in Arizona pay in-state tuition & compete for scholarships at our universities and community colleges just like their classmates.

The simple fairness of Prop 308 will help public health and economic development too. Research shows that college graduates have a \$380,000 net positive contribution to the state and graduating from a community college or university is often a fast pass out of intergenerational poverty.

Do you believe in fairness? Do you believe in the Golden Rule?

If so, you only have one choice: Vote YES on Proposition 308!

Will Humble, Director, Arizona Department of Health Services (2009-2015), Phoenix

The Arizona Chamber of Commerce & Industry urges you to vote YES on Proposition 308.

Arizona has made significant economic progress over the past decade, and today enjoys one of the strongest and fastest-growing economies in the nation. Unfortunately, when it comes to postsecondary attainment, evidence suggests we are falling behind.

Between 2020-2030, it is projected Arizona will have an estimated 68,000 annual job openings that require at least a bachelor's degree. Under current conditions, there will be an annual shortage of 26,300 bachelor's degrees, leaving Arizona's workforce underprepared.

If we are going to remain an attractive destination for job creators and continue to meet evolving workforce demands, we must do more to encourage all Arizona learners to pursue an education after high school. That includes removing artificial and unnecessary barriers to an accessible and affordable college degree.

Right now, there is a large untapped talent pool of Arizona students whose citizenship status prohibits them from receiving in-state tuition at our public universities after graduating from an Arizona high school. Now more than ever, we must do more to ensure that all students who receive a K-12 education in Arizona have the same opportunity as their peers to pursue higher education.

Prop. 308 provides a critical and commonsense solution to tackle Arizona's attainment challenges, address workforce shortages and elevate our economic profile to job creators looking to invest and expand in our state.

As Arizona's largest organization of business leaders and job creators, we encourage you to support Prop. 308 – a fair and necessary policy that will provide long-term benefits to our state economy.

Danny Seiden

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President and CEO

Arizona Chamber of Commerce & Industry

Danny Seiden, President & CEO, Arizona Chamber of Commerce & Industry, Phoenix

Every year the Arizona summer seems to last longer, our days are hotter and access to water at new lows. Those of us living in the Southwest are far outpacing the finite resources of the place that we all call home. As these issues become more pressing, now more than ever, we need new and innovative young thinkers and doers to combat and solve some of the most pressing issues in our state. DREAMers are those young people. They have persisted through our education system and are ready to share their talents to tackle some of our most dire challenges. We need their experiences, their passions, and their vision of the future if we hope to sustain our presence in this beautiful land. Allowing DREAMers in state tuition and state-based scholarships is an investment in all of our children and in our future, and one I believe we have to make. In the coming years we will need more scientists, more software, systems and chemical engineers, more architects and many other specialties to keep Arizona a thriving community. By allowing every high school graduate the ability to access in-state tuition we are growing the leaders of tomorrow, and investing in our future.

Luis Avila, Founder, Iconico, Phoenix

Arizona should continue to be the land of opportunity. Our state is a wonderful place to live because we share the idea that here, anyone can earn their piece of the American dream.

The American Business Immigration Coalition is a bipartisan group of over 1200 businesses and business associations that support Prop 308 because it will boost our state economy, create jobs, ease the labor shortage, and help Arizona students. Prop 308 is economically important and morally right.

Last year, this referendum was passed with bipartisan support under a Republican Senate, House, and Governor. They understand that Arizona is grappling with growing demand in several industries like healthcare, K-12 education, and the skilled trades.

Every year, our state colleges are out of reach for thousands of young students who are eager to contribute. They meet the requirements for admission but are forced to pay much more than their peers simply because of who they are.

Dreamers have been here all of their lives, we have invested in their education, and they are 100% Arizona kids.

Passing Prop 308 would create significant financial benefits for the entire state through taxes and consumer spending. In-state tuition for Arizona Dreamer students would boost their earnings by more than \$28 million annually.

The data is clear. Keeping the status quo is costing our state millions every year. As demand for our state's industry continues to face a shrinking labor pool, Dreamers hold the key to caring for, educating, and protecting the state's future.

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Prop 308 is a common-sense solution that will benefit our state for generations. That is why it is endorsed by a broad bipartisan coalition of Arizona business owners, faith leaders, and community advocates. Voting YES for Prop 308 is a vote for equal opportunity and fairness for ALL Arizona students.

Carlos Alfaro, Arizona Director, American Business Immigration Coalition, Scottsdale

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Dreamers are every bit Arizonan as the rest of us. They're our friends, neighbors and colleagues. In some cases, they're valedictorians and salutatorians. Like their friends and classmates, they are our future leaders, and as a state we need to ensure they have the equal opportunity to pursue their dreams in Arizona colleges and universities. Dreamers are charged 150% of in-state tuition, which amounts to about \$6,000 more a year at one of our state universities, and \$326 per credit hour at Maricopa Community College, instead of \$85 for in-state students.

Max Gonzales, Executive Vice President, Chicanos Por La Causa, Tempe

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It's important to underscore the fact that we've already invested in these young minds in their K-12 schooling. Why should we lose out on a return of our investment by exporting their potential and thereby foregoing any shared collective success of college graduates? A recent College Success Arizona report that found for every college graduate earning a four-year university degree, the state averages a \$660,000 return on its investment.

About 2,000 Dreamers graduate annually from high schools in Arizona, one of just six states that presently prohibits in-state tuition for Dreamers. As a result, Arizona is losing out on future doctors and nurses, lawyers, engineers, teachers, innovators, business leaders and other college-educated professionals. CPLC Action Fund will continue to work alongside other advocacy, education, community and business groups to ensure voters understand the importance of passing this ballot measure. If we've learned anything from the pandemic, it's the importance of our labor force and how everything is tied together.

Please Vote YES on Prop 308.

Joseph Garcia, Executive Director, Chicanos Por La Causa Action Fund, Gilbert

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PCI Letter/Statement of Support of Prop 308 Seeking In-state Tuition for All Arizona High School Graduates

Pima County Interfaith strongly supports Prop 308. This proposition, passed by Arizona legislators from both parties, removes older statutes that prohibited some high school graduates from paying in-state tuition at our community colleges and universities. When passed, it will ensure that all Arizona high school graduates who have spent at least two years in Arizona, including Dreamers, will pay in-state

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tuition at our state community colleges and universities.

Approximately 2,000 Dreamers graduate from Arizona high schools each year. These young people and their families are integral to our communities; they should have the same opportunities as all Arizonans. Their success benefits us all.

Proposition 308 will make post-secondary schooling truly accessible, enabling students to pay their own way through college. Post-secondary education will prepare students to become self-reliant and contribute to our economy and society. We need their talent, energy, and leadership to help shape a dynamic future for the next generation. Passage of this proposition means Arizona will join 20 other states where all high school graduates, regardless of immigration status, pay in-state tuition.

It is time to set this matter right and make Arizona a place to realize the American Dream.

Leah Sandwell-Weiss, Reverend, PCI, Tucson

As a serial entrepreneur in the trades, husband of an immigrant, combat veteran and lifelong Republican; I support Proposition 308 and if you wish to see our great State continue to grow and prosper you should support this proposition as well.

If you are conflicted on this issue, allow me to ask you a question; what makes someone an Arizonan and worthy of the opportunities entitled to all Arizonans? Is it the papers given to us by our government? Is it because we simply moved here or were born here? Is it saying 'oohh, it's a cool one today!' when the temperature is under 105?

My belief is that Arizonans are defined by those who live, work, play and contribute to our local communities. Arizonans are individuals who provide value to the whole, the whole that is our Great State of Arizona. Are we really willing to stand in the way of a child's opportunity to contribute to our community because they lack a government permission slip? Only you can answer that.

If that was not persuasive enough for you, here is another argument; a No Vote on prop 308 is saying our universities need more money. As a former student and now employer, the value of a college education is decreasing at an alarming pace. Meanwhile, the price has increased so drastically it is a particularly bad investment for a large portion of the student body. The value universities provide to their students, communities and businesses passed the point of diminishing returns over a decade ago. Let's stop giving universities more money for the same lousy products at the expense of our neighbors. Let those Californians pay those premiums for the 'privilege' of attending our universities, not Arizona's children!

Shane Levinson, Chandler

On behalf of the 140 CEOs, business, and community leaders of the Southern Arizona Leadership Council (SALC), I urge you to vote YES on Proposition 308. SALC works to enhance the economic climate and quality of life in our communities through sound public policy. Proposition 308 will give eligibility to all students who graduate from Arizona high schools for in-state tuition at Arizona's three public universities (ASU, NAU, and University of Arizona) and all the community colleges in the state regardless of their immigration status. This change will have a direct impact on our workforce. Estimates indicate that approximately 2,000 students graduate each year from Arizona high schools who currently do not qualify for in-state tuition. For most of these students, who have already received an Arizona public education, paying out-of-state tuition for bachelor's/associate programs and

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credentials/certifications is cost prohibitive. Proposition 308 would reduce the financial barriers these students face to attain the skills, certification, or degrees necessary to be a contributing member of our state's workforce.

Proposition 308 helps ensure the future success of Arizona students that we have already invested in through the K-12 system. Increasing Arizona's postsecondary educational attainment is critical for our future economic prosperity. A highly skilled and educated workforce is a key economic driver and directly impacts our ability to attract businesses to Arizona, and to retain and grow businesses that are already here. College graduates earn \$22,500 more per year. Additionally, they contribute \$355,000 more in taxes over their lifetime compared to those with only a high school education. Proposition 308 will not only make a difference in students' lives by broadening their educational opportunities, but it will also improve Arizona's workforce development and our competitiveness. Please vote YES on Proposition 308.

Ted Maxwell, President/CEO, Southern Arizona Leadership Council, Tucson

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There is nothing quite as breathtaking as an Arizona sunset during monsoon season. For as long as I can remember, I have proudly called this place my home. Every school morning, I was there saying the pledge with my classmates, I remember celebrating the 2001 World Series Championship and I also was thrilled to graduate from my Arizona high school. However, as a DREAMer, I was forced to pay 3x the tuition as my classmates. This feat comes without the possibility of public scholarships, loans or even work study. Thankfully, through a private scholarship I was able to make my college dreams a reality, however I know countless more that were left in the dark. These students were brilliant and hardworking but due to unfair policies, the college dream, remained a dream. Prop 308 does not give money to undocumented students; it only affords the same challenges to attain higher education as their classmates. I know our state values fairness and rewards those who strive for their dreams. For over twelve years, Arizona has invested in these youths through public education, it only makes fiscal sense that we capitalize on the investment and allow them a better opportunity to achieve higher education. With this education, doors can open that would lead to professional careers and innovative discoveries. They will pay into our taxes, buy homes, start business and invest into Arizona, leading to prosperity for all. Prop 308 will allow individuals who pay into our taxes, have studied in our schools and who call Arizona home, the opportunity to attain higher education. It's through opportunities like this that I became a first-generation college graduate and now practicing attorney. Help open the door to the rest of the deserving students who call Arizona home. Vote yes on Prop 308.

Salvador Macias, Attorney, Nunez Law Firm, Phoenix

I support Proposition 308 for one simple reason: high school graduates who call Arizona their home deserve in-state college tuition. Dreamers, who were brought to the U.S. by their parents, should have the same educational and employment opportunities as any other Arizona student. On average, college graduates contribute \$660,000 more to the Arizona economy than high school graduates. With nearby states including Utah and Texas offering in-state tuition to Dreamers, we do not want to

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incentivize this tremendous talent pool to relocate elsewhere, especially during a time when employers are struggling to fill vacant positions. Allowing Dreamers to receive in-state college tuition will help address the labor shortages that employers in communities throughout the state are facing.

In short, Prop 308 is a commonsense initiative that will support Arizona's economy and ensure more Arizona children have access to a high-quality college education. Please join me in voting "YES" on Prop 308.

Regina Romero
Mayor of Tucson

Regina Romero, Mayor, City of Tucson, Tucson

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Arizona Dreamers are Arizonans. They have grown up here, attended our schools, have family and friends in our state, and deserve every opportunity to succeed. Holding Dreamers back by charging them out-of-state tuition not only financially harms these students but also harms Arizona's economic future. These students represent our future innovators and job creators who we risk losing by charging them three times more tuition to attend our community colleges and universities. I fully support Prop 308 because it removes unnecessary barriers to a college education for Arizona students. I hope you will join me voting YES!

Raquel Terán, State Senator, Arizona State Senate, Phoenix

ALL In Education fully supports Prop 308. This ballot measure is imperative to the future of Arizona's workforce, economy and overall success. As we continue to grow as a state, we must also keep up with the needs of our community - and one of these current needs is ensuring that we have a strong, prepared workforce ready to fill in-demand jobs. By providing Dreamers with access to in-state tuition to our state Universities and community colleges, we are providing them with the opportunity to become professionals in our state that make significant contributions to our workforce and communities. Dreamers are Arizonans, they are contributing members of our society and deserve to be treated with opportunity and justice in the education system beyond high school. Arizona is currently home to 23 universities and colleges acknowledged as Hispanic Serving Institutions and the state is positioned to become a leader in providing Latino students and Dreamers with effective pathways to access resources that provide them opportunities for success. Supporting Prop 308 is not providing Dreamers with a handout - these students must still meet the admissions requirements of the institutions they are planning to attend. Prop 308 simply ensures that these college bound Arizona students are not paying more than double for their tuition. We urge Arizonans to support Prop 308 as this initiative will benefit more than Dreamers alone. Prop 308 will help us build a more vibrant Arizona, where ALL students have access to opportunity and the workforce.

Stephanie Parra, Executive Director, ALL in Education, Phoenix

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None of us had any say about who our parents were. And while we were children, none of us had any say about where they took us.

Many years ago, my parents moved me from California to Arizona. A move for which I've been eternally grateful. I became a physician and a public health professional, and I've since served as your State Epidemiologist for 5 years, and as the local Health Director for Maricopa and Pima Counties for 13 years in total. I was able to do so because I was able to attend community college (Central Arizona College in Coolidge) and the University of Arizona in Tucson for reasonable tuition as an in-state resident.

Had my parents lived south of the border, rather than in California, and brought me against my will to Arizona at the same age, none of that would have been possible. The education I got would not have been affordable under our current law. I don't know what I would have done with my life, but I suspect that I would never have attended college and would have performed menial jobs to earn my living.

We are wasting incalculable talent by prohibiting children, our children, children we have educated in our public schools, children who came here involuntarily, from being able to serve us all in their adulthood. We are throwing away opportunity by stopping them from achieving their potential and turning it around to help us.

Please stop this mindless waste of potential. Vote yes on proposition 308.

Bob England, MD, MPH, Phoenix

Dreamers are Arizona kids. Making these kids who are raised here pay out of state tuition is cruel. Out of state tuition prevents so many talented and motivated students from pursuing their education. We need our kids to get educated and contribute to the many needs in our state. I strongly support proposition 308

Mary Serlin, Paradise Valley

Mormon Women for Ethical Government of Arizona supports Prop 308 because we believe it is a valuable financial investment in our communities, will provide reasonable access for all of Arizona's children, and benefits society as a whole.

Dreamers are our children, our students, our neighbors, future taxpayers, and — at heart — Arizonans.

Our universities offer in-state tuition because doing so is an investment in our state, yielding economic and social benefits to Arizona communities. By extending that benefit to Dreamers, Arizona will have more college-educated students to fill our growing employment needs; reduce the financial and social burdens of homelessness, poverty, and incarceration; and build a more informed society.

Because in-state tuition is an investment back into our state, extending that investment to Dreamers allows more of our children to be better equipped to contribute both economically and socially. A June American Immigration Council study estimates that within six years of passing Prop 308, over 2,000 Dreamers will graduate with \$23.3 million annually. This would increase consumer spending and generate \$2.4 million annual revenue in state and local taxes.

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When all Arizonans have equal access to the benefits of society, including education, the state thrives as a stronger, more unified society. We want all of Arizona's children to have the opportunity to increase their knowledge and skills for the betterment of themselves, their families, and their communities through higher education. This will instill a stronger sense of belonging to our state while also honoring the dignity and worth of all Arizona students.

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Christie Black, Arizona Chapter Coordinator, Mormon Women for Ethical Government, Mesa and Andrea Messinger Dalton, Arizona Chapter Coordinator, Mormon Women for Ethical Government, Oro Valley

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Yes, on 308! Support Arizona, support their dreams.

Arizonans are well known for being hard workers and complying with state laws and regulations. Dreamers are Arizonan kids who pay taxes and participate proactively in the community. Currently, more than 2,000 graduated students do not qualify for in-state tuition; most of them are forced to leave the state or stop their education, hurting the Arizona community from many points of view, such as Economic, Family Unity, and many others. Prop 308 would allow all Arizona high school graduates to pursue their dreams by permitting them to stay in their home state and continue their education locally. In addition, prop 308 would have a ZERO impact on the general fund.

No matter what your perspective about immigration is, saying YES on 308 is a different topic. We are not asking you to vote to regulate their immigration status or pay for their education, as they must meet the same admission standards as all other Arizona students. Instead, by voting YES on 308, you are voting YES to support the economy and local businesses, to keep local talent in our state, and to build new generations of teachers, law enforcement officers, doctors, entrepreneurs, and many other professionals, by succeeding and serving our community.

Sincerely,

Raquel Crawford.

Raquel Crawford, Phoenix

I urge a YES vote on Proposition 308!

Allowing Arizona Dreamers the same opportunity as other Arizona students to attend higher education is the right thing to do. Dreamers grew up here, went to school here and graduated in our high schools. Arizona already invested in their early education and now we must allow them equal access to higher education so that they can attain professions and contribute in our society, be leaders in our communities and most important; their professions can contribute and strengthen our communities. Allowing Dreamers

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to pay in-state tuition is not asking for more than other students, it's asking for equal opportunities as other students. It's about equality. Vote YES on Proposition 308.

Lydia Guzman
Director of Advocacy & Civic Engagement
Chicanos Por La Causa

Lydia Guzman, Director of Advocacy and Civic Engagement, Chicanos Por La Causa, Phoenix

NAIC Letter/Statement of Support of Prop 308 Seeking In-state Tuition for all Arizona High School Graduates

"The university and all other state educational institutions shall be ... as nearly free as possible."
Arizona Constitution, Article 11, Section 6

Northern Arizona Interfaith Council strongly supports Prop 308 which would ensure that all students who graduate from a high school in Arizona, including Dreamers, pay in-state tuition at our state colleges and universities. Prop 308 gets us closer to education equity for all by opening up the opportunity for Dreamers to pay the same tuition as their peers, those they likely grew up with, in our communities, in our neighborhoods.

These young people are literally the future of Arizona, and it behooves us to ensure that they have the same opportunities as all Arizonans. By increasing their chances to get a college education we are helping them become independent, contributors of our communities and our economies. Their success will benefit us all. Voting for Prop 308 is the right thing to do for them and for all Arizonans.

Charles McCallie, Pastor, The Commons, Northern Arizona Interfaith Council, Flagstaff; The Rev. Lynn Perkins, Epiphany Episcopal Church, Northern Arizona Interfaith Council, Flagstaff; Leah Mundell, Congregation Lev Shalom, Northern Arizona Interfaith Council, Flagstaff; and Rev Kathleen Day, Campus Minister, United Christian Ministry @ NAU, Northern Arizona Interfaith Council, Flagstaff

All Arizona students should be able to attend our colleges. If passed, Prop 308 would grant all Arizona students who attended an Arizona school for at least two years and graduated from a public school, private school or homeschool in Arizona the opportunity to pay in-state tuition rates in our public colleges and universities.

Providing this opportunity would enable the 2,000 undocumented Arizona students who graduate from our state's high schools the opportunity to fulfill their potential, contribute to our beloved college campuses and give back to Arizona communities across the state.

Currently undocumented students who have grown up in Arizona and graduated from our high schools are must pay more than their peers to attend our state colleges and universities, putting this opportunity out of reach and potentially force them to take their talents to colleges out of our state. Prop 308 addresses this challenge and allows us to retain our brilliant young people in our home state.

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This policy stands to benefit all Arizonans, not just the directly impacted students. We have a historic opportunity to transform the lives of thousands of Arizona students and to continue building a stronger Arizona. Let's support all Arizona kids.

Gionni Ponce, Tempe and Jose Gonzalez Camarena, Tempe

As educators our hearts are full when we see our students succeed. For some of our students the cost of college is unattainable simply because they were not born here. These students are like your sons and daughters. They have lived in Arizona nearly all their lives, but they are known as Dreamers. These students are required to pay out-of-state tuition rates at our community colleges and public universities which makes access to postsecondary education unaffordable for most simply because of a decision over which they had no control.

Many Dreamers are unaware of their status, often finding out when they begin planning for college. Too often, we have seen the best and brightest of our students become discouraged and give up on their potential when they learn of their immigration status.

Proposition 308 will allow Dreamers who have graduated from Arizona schools to receive in-state tuition at our public institutions of higher education. For these students, this will be life changing. For Arizona, it will mean retaining more of our best and brightest in the state.

The Arizona Education Association supports Proposition 308 because it is the right thing to do for our communities and our students.

On behalf of 20,000 teachers and education support professionals, please vote YES on Proposition 308.

Marisol Garcia, President, Arizona Education Association, Phoenix