

City of Boulder



Boulder Valley
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December 11, 2012

The Honorable Jared Polis
U.S. House of Representatives
501 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515-0602

Re: Support of the Development, Relief and Education for Alien Minors (DREAM) Act

Dear Congressman Polis:

On behalf of the City of Boulder, Boulder County and the Boulder Valley School District, we write to express our organizations' strong support for the Dream Act (S. 952/H.R. 1482) and to thank you for your ongoing efforts on behalf of this vitally important legislation. Granting temporary legal status to students brought to the United States as minors who have attended and completed elementary and secondary education here would permit them to pursue their dreams of a postsecondary education.

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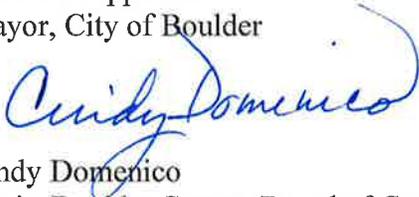
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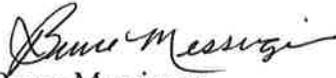
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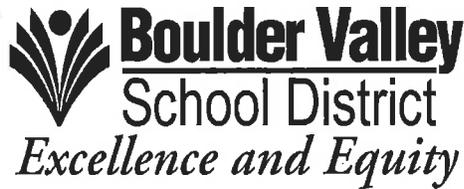
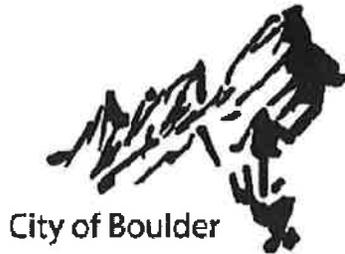
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The Honorable Mark Udall
328 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510-0608

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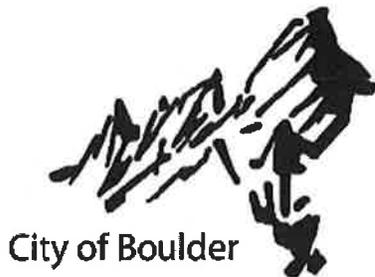
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The Honorable Michael Bennet
458 Russell Senate Office Building
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