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Dear Speaker Boehner, Leader Cantor, Leader-elect McCarthy and Whip-elect Scalise,

President Obama and others have been suggesting that Congress must act to address the recently heightened border crisis and unlawful entries by Central American residents.

This unprecedented surge of unaccompanied alien children (UAC) to America is directly attributable to the June 15, 2012 directive entitled Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA), which broadcast to the world that the President of the United States would no longer enforce immigration law with respect to people under age 18. Quite predictably, this population began coming to the United States in increasing numbers in order to take advantage of this *de facto* amnesty, regardless of the application and details of that policy.

When children from Central America arrived, they discovered a new loophole which allowed them to stay indefinitely. Again, predictably, word got back to their home countries that minors were being granted amnesty.

I believe that until the President acts to reverse these policies, Congress should not act or pretend that its actions will solve this issue. The nation and this Congress must see specific actions by the President before taking up any legislation or appropriating another dime.

As a minimum, the President must:

1. Declare an end to the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program he unilaterally put in place on June 15, 2012.

2. Use the "exceptional circumstances" clause of the William Wilberforce Trafficking Victims Protection Reauthorization Act of 2008 to immediately return children coming from Central America.
3. Deploy the National Guard to secure the border and turn back all illegal crossers.

It would be a mistake for this Congress to act until the President shows demonstrable leadership and takes responsibility for his past actions and decisions. If the House acts, it should be to bring up a resolution that directs the President as to what actions *he* should take before the House passes any further legislation. I urge you to stand against any other immigration-related legislative proposals until the President acts in good faith.

Sincerely,



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cc: GOP Conference