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[CLIENT]

**RE: IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING YOUR DEFERRED ACTION  
PLEASE READ CAREFULLY!**

Dear [Client]:

**Your application for Deferred Action as a Child Arrival (DACA) has been approved.**

Congratulations! Attached is a copy of the Notice of Approval. Your work card and deferred action status are valid for two years (see the expiration date on your work card), and are subject to renewal. You can now apply for a social security number and seek employment. Please also see the attached informational sheet on other steps that you may need to take now that you have been approved for DACA.

Your work card should arrive at your address in the next few days or may have already arrived. Please mail or fax (651-641-1131) us a copy of your work card when it arrives for our records. There are several next steps you must follow. **Please read this entire letter very carefully and call me if you have any questions about this letter.**

#### **Maintaining Your Status and Renewing DACA**

Your eligibility to keep your DACA status and, in the future, for renewal is based on several conditions. You can lose your status if you are convicted of certain crimes.

- Do not violate any laws. Criminal issues can result in either termination of your DACA status or inability to renew your status.
  - Even ONE conviction for driving while intoxicated (DUI), offenses involving domestic violence, drug distribution, unlawful possession of a firearm, burglary,

sexual abuse, or any felony can lead to the termination of your status or inability to renew your status.

- Accumulating more than two misdemeanors (small crimes) during your lifetime in the United States may cause you to lose your DACA status and will make you ineligible to renew your DACA status.
  - It is important that you never associate with anyone who is a member of a gang, a terrorist organization or is involved in any way with drug trafficking.
- **If you obtained DACA before you graduated from high school or obtained your GED, you must stay in school in order to renew your DACA in the future.**
    - If you are currently in middle school or high school, you will need to show that you have either graduated or made substantial progress towards graduating in order to renew your status in two years. If you are currently in a GED program, you will need to have passed the GED exam in order to renew your DACA status. If you are currently in ESL classes or literacy classes, you will need to show that you have made progress toward completing the program. If you are currently enrolled in a career training or post-secondary program, you will need to show you have either obtained a job in that field/entered post-secondary education or made substantial progress towards completing the program.

As you know, DACA is a temporary program that is valid for two years from the date it is granted. Your expiration date is on your work authorization card. We expect that USCIS will announce its intentions for renewal of DACA as we get closer to the year 2014.

### **Changing Your Address**

**Every time you move, you must notify USCIS within 10 days.** This is a requirement for anyone who is not yet a U.S. citizen. In order to notify immigration that you have moved, **you must file Form AR-11 either online at [www.uscis.gov](http://www.uscis.gov), or send it in by mail within 10 days.** If you had a deportation case that has been administratively closed with the immigration court, you must also notify the court by filing form EOIR 33/IC and sending a copy to the Office of Chief Counsel.

### **Travel**

In order to travel outside of the United States, you must get permission from immigration BEFORE you leave. This permission, called advance parole, involves filing a form and paying a fee, and if approved you will get a travel document. **We recommend that you consult with an attorney who is experienced in immigration law before considering any travel outside of the United States, as departing the United States can result in serious future immigration consequences.**

### **Help Pass the DREAM Act**

DACA is only the first step. It will not lead to legal permanent residence or citizenship, and it is only temporary. ILCM needs your help to encourage all our elected officials to pass the DREAM Act, Comprehensive Immigration Reform, and to help make college more accessible for all. Please take 5 minutes right now to add your voice to ILCM's electronic action network. You can

receive the latest information about ILCM's policy work by signing up at [www.ILCM.org](http://www.ILCM.org) (go to the tab "Get Involved") and "liking" ILCM at [www.facebook.com/immigrantlawcenterMN](http://www.facebook.com/immigrantlawcenterMN).

### **Donation**

As you know, the ILCM office serves low-income clients. ILCM depends in part on donations to continue providing services to new clients. There is no obligation for you to give, but ILCM asks for your support if you are able to help the office continue providing legal services to the immigrant community in need. You can give online at [www.ilcm.org](http://www.ilcm.org) or send a check or money order, made out to "ILCM," directly to the Immigrant Law Center of Minnesota offices. Every donation, no matter what size, is extremely helpful.

### **Case Closing**

With this letter, your case with is officially closed. It has been a pleasure working with you. If you would like ILCM's assistance in renewing your DACA and work card in the future, or with any other immigration matter, please contact the ILCM intake line at least four months before your card expires to begin a new screening. ILCM hopes you understand that due to the uncertainty of funding and high client demand, there is no guarantee that ILCM will be able to take your case in the future.

Sincerely,

[Attorney]

Attachments: Informational Sheet