

To Interim President Rawlings and incoming President Pollack:

The undersigned faculty of the Cornell Law School write to affirm our professional obligation to protect the rule of law and the civil rights and liberties we have in the United States in a time when it appears they may be under attack. We resolve to support, in whatever ways are legally available, the rights of undocumented students at Cornell and to assure them that they continue to be welcome among us. We denounce hate speech, violence, and other forms of exclusion directed at them and at individuals based on their race, ethnicity, religion, disability, sex, and sexual orientation. And we affirm our hope that Cornell will remain a place where all may study together in safety and a spirit of cooperation.

In recognition of these values, we ask this University to speak out to assure all students of its determination to keep them safe from fear of violence and to allow them to continue their studies at this university. We also join with other departments in asking that Cornell join the nation-wide movement to proclaim sanctuary status for this campus. To the extent legally possible, this requires resisting efforts of the federal government and specifically of the Immigration and Customs Enforcement agency to identify and deport students who have been allowed to study here under DACA.

Respectfully submitted,

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