

February 1, 2016

Governor Ted Strickland
P.O. Box 2196
Columbus, OH 43216

Dear Governor Strickland:

On behalf of the **Lorain Ohio Immigrants' Rights Association (LOIRA)**, we invite you attend a luncheon with members of our community, to learn about how federal immigration actions impact Ohio children and families. The dinner will take place at noon on February 27, 2016 in Lorain, Ohio.

The mission of LOIRA is to protect and inform the immigrant community, giving them a voice to advocate for change and create a fair and just immigration system for all. Approximately 35,000 Ohio immigrants--including many of our members--should have been able to apply for a deportation deferral, work permit, and state driver's license under deferred action policies announced by President Obama in 2014.

However, our great state joined with others to sue the Federal government and block Deferred Action for Parents of Americans and Lawful Permanent Residents (DAPA) and the expansion of Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA). Now, the fate of these policies--indeed, the fate of our families--will be decided by the U.S. Supreme Court in June 2016.

As a candidate for U.S. Senate, you are want to be our leader in Washington, DC. We believe you have a responsibility to hear directly from Ohioans--immigrants and American citizens--about our views on policies that impact our lives. We are inviting you to this event as part of the nationwide DAPA Dinners campaign that many lawmakers and candidates have participated in. You can read more about DAPA Dinners at: americasvoice.org/dapadinners.

We are inviting you and members of your campaign, as well as the other candidates, to attend a meal prepared by our organization in Lorain, Ohio on February 27, 2016 at noon. Members of the media will also be invited to attend and cover the event.

Please contact Lynn Tramonte, the director of our partner organization Ohio's Voice, to confirm your attendance. She can be reached at ltramonte@americasvoice.org or (216) 586-4978.

Respectfully,

Jose Mendiola, President
Anabel Barron, Vice-President
Lorain Ohio Immigrants' Rights Association (LOIRA)