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Dear Secretary Nielsen:

As you are well aware, the question of what will happen to President Obama's extraconstitutional Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program is being discussed not only in the halls of Congress but throughout the nation. Although the status of DACA has dominated recent news cycles, I believe the public is still in the dark on who these DACA recipients are and exactly how much vetting they went through before being given temporary amnesty. Accordingly, I am seeking the assistance of the Department of Homeland Security in uncovering the true nature of DACA recipients. Specifically, I am interested in seeing statistics that answer or explain the following questions and/or topics:

1. What years the accepted DACA applicants initially entered the United States?
2. Information showing the different countries that accepted applicants were born in and the number of accepted applicants from each country.
3. How many of the accepted applicants left the United States during their "period of continuous residence"? How many returned to their country of birth during such travel?
4. Information showing the age of accepted applicants at the time of initial entry to the United States.
5. Information showing what types of documents were used to prove the identity of accepted applicants and how often each type of document was used.
6. Information showing the different types of education levels of accepted applicants (high school diploma vs. GED vs. college degree, etc.).

7. What percentage/number of accepted applicants required an interpreter to complete the Form I-821D DACA application?
8. What percentage/number of all applicants (both accepted and rejected) answered "Yes" to question 1 in Part 4 ("Criminal, National Security, and Public Safety Information") of the Form I-821D DACA application (this question asks "[h]ave you ever been arrested for, charged with, or convicted of a felony or misdemeanor[...]?"). Out of those who answered "Yes" to question 1 in Part 4, how many of those applicants were accepted? How many were rejected?
9. How many of the accepted applicants had a criminal history check conducted in their country of birth?
10. Information showing the average time needed to approve an initial application.

We look forward to working with you so that DHS can quickly complete this important task. Please contact Corey Becker, my legislative assistant for immigration issues, with any questions. Mr. Becker may be contacted at (202) 695-5840. Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,



Congressman Steve King