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STATEMENT ON IN-STATE TUITION FOR UNDOCUMENTED STUDENTS

The Alliance for Unity today restated its strong and unanimous opposition to this year's version of a bill currently before the Utah legislature, concerning tuition for undocumented students. The bill (HB 241) would repeal current laws permitting some undocumented students to pay in-state tuition at an institution of higher education in the State.

The Alliance continues to believe firmly that we need to encourage the dreams and ambitions of all Utahns by giving them an opportunity to realize their potential. In our view, making a college education unaffordable to students simply discourages them and will result in their making less than the best use of their intelligence and talents.

The Alliance presently takes no position on the broad issue of immigration reform in the United States. We believe that a thorough in-depth examination of the complex factual and emotional matters involved is needed before legislative action is taken. A calm and careful look at what will best benefit the State must characterize any actions taken in Utah.

The Alliance for Unity is a group of civic, business and religious leaders that seeks to further the common good in the State.