Dear members of the FAS community,

In recent weeks, the federal government has announced changes to certain federal immigration policies, specifically the Temporary Protected Status program (TPS) and the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program (DACA). For any members of our community who are concerned that these changes may affect their immigration status, we want to ensure that you are supported and have access to the resources available at Harvard.

The Harvard Immigration and Refugee Clinical Program (HIRC) at Harvard Law School is available to all members of the Harvard community to provide free and confidential legal consultation about TPS, DACA, and other immigration concerns. If you currently have TPS from Sudan, Nicaragua, Haiti or El Salvador please contact HIRC’s office as soon as possible to discuss potential remedies beyond TPS. Anyone with DACA status expiring within one year is also encouraged to contact HIRC. To schedule an appointment please contact Nilce Maldonado at nmaldonado@law.harvard.edu or call 617-495-6648.

For undocumented students at Harvard College, the Harvard Office for Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion is available to assist and serve as a point of contact to help students navigate support services. There you'll find resources on campus and in the community, resources for parents, as well as a list of frequently asked questions. For Harvard College students who have questions about this information, please contact Katie Derzon, the Fellow for Undocumented Students, at kderzon@fas.harvard.edu.

Undocumented students at the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences who have questions or concerns are encouraged to reach out to Garth McCavana, Dean for Student Affairs, at mccavana@fas.harvard.edu, or Jackie Yun, Director of Student Services, at jyun@fas.harvard.edu for support. Graduate students with questions about their visa or immigration status may also speak with an advisor at the Harvard International Office.

We recognize this is a time of anxiety and frustration for many members of our community. If you need emotional support, there are counselors available for students through Counseling and Mental Health Services, as well as through the Employee Assistance Program for faculty and staff.

During this time of uncertainty for many, I want to reaffirm that every member of our community is important and valued. The FAS remains committed to supporting all its members with the resources they need to thrive. Should you need assistance, we encourage you to take advantage of any of these resources.

Sincerely,

Leslie Kirwan
FAS Dean for Administration and Finance