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In favor: S.B. No. 398

An Act Assisting Students Accepted into the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals Program with the Cost of College

My name is Jordana Gardenswartz, and I am a freshman at Yale university in favor of an act assisting students accepted into the deferred action for childhood arrivals program with the cost of college. Receiving a college education is such a privilege for me—I am able to learn things about the world, meet people from all different walks of life, and earn the degree I will need to achieve professionally all that I want. While being accepted into college was a difficult process, I was fortunate that paying for it did not have to be an obstacle. I would hope to live in a society where everyone who goes through the process of applying to college will have the opportunity to access what the school can offer them. Without the proposed bill, undocumented students who have made their way into university will unfortunately not be able to afford to enroll. In a fair and equal society, our government should help anyone who works hard enough to have the opportunities that I have—all the more so people marginalized by our society. And so, I am in favor of the proposed bill.