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## STATEMENT ON IN-STATE TUITION FOR UNDOCUMENTED STUDENTS

The Alliance for Unity today announced its unanimous opposition to HB 224, a proposal currently before the Utah legislature. The proposal would repeal current laws permitting undocumented students who reside in Utah, and attended for at least three years and graduated from a Utah high school, to pay in-state tuition at an institution of higher education in the State.

The Alliance believes strongly that a highly-educated population is a key to the future of our State. It is good public policy to encourage the ambitions and dreams of all Utahns by making a college education affordable to students who otherwise will be forced to make less than the best use of their intelligence and talents. America and the State of Utah were built by people who had the vision that against all odds they can build a better future. We should encourage these young people, by giving them a fighting chance to realize their potential.

In stating its strong views on this matter, the Alliance points out that it takes no position at present on the broad issue of immigration reform in the United States.

The Alliance for Unity is a group of Utah civic, business, and religious leaders devoted to fostering a more unified community in which all Utahns are included and valued, regardless of affiliations or differences.

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