Like many others, I came to the United States with my family at an early age. As an undocumented student who was granted residency status under the Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1986, I understand the struggle that undocumented students face to accessing and financing higher education.

My experience of overcoming these obstacles and my passion for higher education are what led me to establish the Undocumented Student Project at Northeastern Illinois University. We are the first public university in the state of Illinois that has formally institutionalized undocumented student resources, with a dedicated staff to serve the needs of undocumented students and their families.

Northeastern Illinois University is committed to removing barriers for undocumented students and to identifying resources for them to succeed. I want to make sure that our undocumented students and their families know that they belong at Northeastern, and that our caring faculty and staff are ready to assist them.

Sincerely,

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