

U.S. Rep. Pocan: Invites Lupe Salmeron, a DREAMer, to Trump's Joint Address to Congress

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MADISON - U.S. Rep. Mark Pocan (D-WI) announced today that he is honored to be joined by Lupe Salmeron, a Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) recipient and student at Edgewood College, as his guest to President Trump's Joint Address to Congress next week on Tuesday, February 28. Lupe is one of the 1.3 million youth across the country who received a deportation exemption under DACA, after immigrating to Wisconsin from Mexico twelve years ago.

"This year, President Trump's Joint Address to Congress gives us an opportunity to highlight intelligent, passionate immigrants, like Lupe, who make our communities a better, stronger place," said Rep. Mark Pocan. "Trump has used the presidency to spread lies, fear and hatred about immigrants. It's important to share Lupe's story and highlight the many positive contributions immigrants make to our communities. I am extremely impressed by Lupe's experiences and her drive to engage in issues affecting immigrants in Wisconsin and across the country."

"As an undocumented immigrant, I've always felt safe growing up in Madison, but since the election President Trump has opened up a whole new world of fear among immigrants," said Lupe Salmeron. "You just don't know how his policies or his words will change people's minds and affect your daily life. I'm honored to attend the Joint Address to Congress and speak out on behalf of the experiences of undocumented immigrants. Together we must help create a safe space for undocumented and

youth of color to talk, debrief and organize in.”

Lupe Salmeron is a graduate of Madison East High School where she was class president. Born in Mexico City, Lupe immigrated to the United States twelve years ago in pursuit of the American Dream. She is currently a Freshman at Edgewood College in Madison, pursuing a degree in Political Science, with hopes of one day becoming an immigration lawyer and helping people who are struggling with the immigration process.