

Reform Movement Welcomes Immigration Proposals

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Washington, D.C., January 29, 2013 - In response to the Senate's Bipartisan Framework for Comprehensive Immigration Reform and today's immigration proposal by President Barack Obama, Barbara Weinstein, Associate Director of the Religious Action Center of Reform Judaism, issued the following statement:

"We welcome Congress' and the Obama Administration's renewed commitment to immigration reform. The congressional initiative and President Obama's proposal are important steps toward resolving the issues that have plagued our immigration system for far too long. In particular, we commend the Senators and the President for taking a comprehensive approach to this challenge. We urge the Senate, House of Representatives, and Administration to continue to work together to swiftly pass a bill that includes a pathway to earned citizenship, a reformed legal system, protections for workers, improved border security and LGBT-inclusive family reunification policies.

Our tradition commands us to welcome the stranger. This responsibility inspires us to work to fix our broken immigration system in a manner befitting our proud heritage as a nation of immigrants. Our immigration policies must be rooted in principles of human dignity and we appreciate this week's proposals that advance that goal."

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