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INTERFAITH IMMIGRATION COALITION

Dear Members of Congress and Congressional Staff,

Please find enclosed letters from 19 different faith-based organizations urging Congress to act on immigration reform.

For four straight weeks, one faith-based organization sent a letter outlining principles for immigration reform to every Congressional office, demonstrating unity for the need to act promptly.

Also enclosed is a sign-on letter from more than 500 faith leaders and groups across the country, recommending compassionate solutions for our broken immigration system.

We urge you to support genuine immigration reform that will reunite families and grant citizenship for undocumented immigrants.

For additional information, please go to www.interfaithimmigration.org/letter-a-day and be in contact with members of the Interfaith Immigration Coalition. Email addresses for each member are listed on the back of this letter.

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Compiled Faith Letters for Immigration Reform

NETWORK, A National Catholic Social Justice Lobby, October 29, 2013

Leadership Conference of Women Religious, October 30, 2013

Sisters of Mercy of the Americas, October 31, 2013

Friends Committee for National Legislation, November 1, 2013

Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), November 4, 2013

Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service, November 5, 2013

Conference of Major Superiors of Men, November 6, 2013

Mennonite Central Committee, November 7, 2013

Unitarian Universalist Association, November 8, 2013

Franciscan Action Network, November 11, 2013

Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), November 12, 2013

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Church World Service, November 14, 2013

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American Friends Service Committee, November 18, 2013

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Our nation has been patient far too long. Immigration reform, including a pathway to citizenship for aspiring Americans that protects family unity, has been a vital issue for NETWORK and the entire nation for decades. **Congress finally has the opportunity to pass genuine reform, and we must seize the moment.**

In the wake of the government shutdown, we recognize the need to reclaim and remember our true American values. Our Constitution proudly proclaims “We the People,” not “we the citizens.” Immigrants have been a rich part of our culture and economy since the beginning of our nation’s history. Many of the roadblocks to immigration reform have been a result of irrational fears. At NETWORK, we believe our laws need to reflect our values, not our fears.

This summer, during NETWORK’s Nuns on the Bus trip for immigration reform, we witnessed firsthand how our broken immigration system causes pain and suffering in communities across the country. Immigrants live daily with the pain of family separation, racial profiling, and treatment as invisible members of society. We expect our elected officials to address injustice in our nation and act with compassion for the benefit of the 100%.

Across the country, NETWORK’s members support comprehensive immigration reform that:

- Ensures family unity
- Protects the rights of immigrant workers
- Acknowledges that our borders are already secure, with only minor changes needed
- Speeds up processing of already-approved immigrants
- Enhances the present diversity visa program
- Provides a clear and direct path to citizenship for aspiring Americans

NETWORK, A National Catholic Social Justice Lobby is committed to working with Congress to pass comprehensive immigration reform that reflects both the values of our faith and our American heritage. **It is absolutely essential that any immigration reform include a pathway to citizenship and protect family unity.** As people of faith, we are called to welcome the stranger and to recognize the inherent human dignity of each person because all are created in the image of God. Our American cultural values of diversity, opportunity and family call for the same respectful treatment of all.

Let us remember and be faithful to the history of migration in the United States. **The entire NETWORK community urges you to support immigration reform with a pathway to citizenship that protects family unity, and to pass this much-needed reform before the end of 2013.** Fixing our nation’s immigration system will benefit the 100% and is long overdue.



October 30, 2013

Dear Member of Congress,

As people of faith, we take seriously the Gospel call to welcome the stranger and care for those in need. As Catholic sisters we are committed to the precepts of Catholic Social Teaching which remind us that the dignity of the person is at the core of our moral vision of society; that how we organize our society affects human dignity directly; and that any system that is deliberately cruel or inhumane needs to change. The Leadership Conference of Women Religious is determined to end the suffering and injustice of our present immigration system and calls on Congress to pass bipartisan immigration reform legislation that is fair and just.

Catholic sisters began coming to these shores 286 years ago as immigrants to serve immigrant populations. To this day we continue to minister to these aspiring citizens in schools and hospitals, in the fields, and in the cities. We see the devastating effects of the brokenness of the current immigration system every day. We share the pain of mothers separated from their children and fathers who have risked their lives for love of their families.

In the face of so much suffering and injustice we must speak out. We believe the House of Representatives must act. Now is the time to fix our country's broken immigration system. Our immigrant brothers and sisters cannot wait any longer. We will not wait.

We look forward to working with members of the House of Representatives in the next few weeks to ensure that the immigration reform legislation honors the values upon which our nation was built; includes a reasonable roadmap to citizenship; prioritizes family unity; protects the rights of all; promotes the integration of new Americans; and addresses the poverty and violence that force migrants from their homes.

We promise you our prayers and hope that you will work with your colleagues to enact legislation that emphasizes compassion and God's love for all.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Janet Mock, CSJ".

Janet Mock, CSJ
Executive Director



October 31, 2013

Dear Speaker Boehner and Members of Congress:

The Sisters of Mercy of the Americas, who stand in solidarity with immigrants seeking fullness of life, implore you to take immediate action to pass just and humane immigration reform in the House of Representatives. We believe any true reform must include these following principles:

- **Create a process for undocumented immigrants to earn their legal status and eventual citizenship**
- **Uphold family unity as a priority**
- **Restore due process protections and reform detention policies**
- **Protect workers and provide efficient channels of entry for new migrant workers**

While we were encouraged by the bi-partisan immigration reform legislation in the Senate, we are disturbed by the lack of attention it has received in the House of Representatives. Moreover, we are worried that the current piecemeal bills neglect to achieve our fundamental priorities. We feel compelled to stress how important a pathway to citizenship and family reunification are for the Sisters of Mercy and for the communities we serve. As women religious, we cherish the human dignity of all people. We know how undocumented immigrants are often deprived of humane treatment, live in fear and suffer many hardships. The continuation of these societal inequalities is of grave concern to us and a violation of the values upon which this country was founded. **This is why we are adamant that any immigration reform must include a pathway to citizenship, so no one in our country is obligated to continue living in the shadows of society or forever be relegated to a permanent legal resident status.**

Our commitment to immigration reform comes from our 182 years of ministering to and with immigrants in schools, hospitals, parishes and social service centers. Through our direct service, we have seen the impact of many families ripped apart by our broken immigration system. Our Catholic faith upholds the value of the family structure for the betterment of individuals and their communities. **Every day that legislation is not passed, hundreds of families are forcefully separated by deportation. There is an urgent need to address immigration reform because the current inaction is stripping children of their parents and other relatives.**

The Sisters of Mercy understand that eventual reform will include border and interior enforcement, yet efforts to appease the most extreme members of Congress cannot be part of any final legislation. **Such proposed policies as the SAFE Act (H.R.2278), would harm our communities by increasing racial profiling, distracting law enforcement from targeting real criminal threats and fostering a distrust of police.** Furthermore, the SAFE Act would criminalize faith groups and humanitarian agencies that refuse to turn away any person in need, including undocumented immigrants.

We remind you that polling shows that the overwhelming majority of the American public support positive immigration reform with an earned path to citizenships. We will continue to pray that the House of Representatives will find the moral fortitude to pass laws that reflect the will of the American people.

Sincerely,

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FRIENDS COMMITTEE ON NATIONAL LEGISLATION

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November 1, 2013

Dear Member of Congress:

As people of faith guided by the spiritual values of the Religious Society of Friends, FCNL's work on civil rights – and particularly on immigration – is led by the call for right relationships among all people. We believe that respect for human and civil rights is essential to the integrity of our society and the inherent dignity of all human beings. We recognize that governments have an indispensable role in upholding these rights and that citizens have the responsibility to make governments more responsive, open, and accountable.

We are saddened by the deterioration of the U.S. immigration system over the last twenty years. Overly punitive laws in tandem with increased enforcement and an inefficient bureaucracy have led to systemic violations of rights: indiscriminate raids, detention without due process, worker exploitation, and families separated for years or even decades. Such a system unfairly punishes undocumented workers, many of whom were originally invited to the United States by employers and then face terrible working conditions or deportation. **Therefore, we believe that fundamental and comprehensive reform of U.S. immigration policy is needed in order to restore integrity to the U.S. tradition of welcoming immigrants and to provide real solutions to a broken immigration system.**

We believe that fundamental and comprehensive reform of U.S. immigration policy is needed in order to:

- Create an orderly, equitable, and efficient legal immigration system;
- Protect employment and labor rights for all workers, regardless of immigration status;
- Ensure the protection of human and civil rights for immigrants living in the United States;
- Align enforcement with humanitarian values;
- Prevent the separation of families; and
- Establish a clear and equitable pathway for currently undocumented immigrants to earn citizenship.

Through this letter, thousands of postcards, hundreds of prayer vigils, numerous fasting actions and events all over the country, the faith community is demonstrating its belief that the need to fix our country's broken immigration system is urgent. Immigrant families, and the communities they contribute to, are being torn apart every day that reform is delayed. Our country needs strong leadership in Congress in order to end the injustice of separating families and to fix our broken immigration system.

We urge you to support and advance bipartisan immigration reform that reunites families, protects the rights of all workers, and provides an opportunity for undocumented immigrants to earn their legal status and eventual citizenship.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ruth Flower".

Ruth Flower
Legislative Director



PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (U.S.A.)

OFFICE OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

October 24, 2013

Dear Representatives:

It has been almost a year of near constant media coverage and speculation about the inevitability of immigration reform. In this year, more than 400,000 people have been deported, many of whom are parents of U.S. citizen children and the backlogs in our family and employment based immigration have continued to grow. This has created an untenable situation in communities and congregations as they struggle to live in the tension of hope and fear. A majority of Americans see this dysfunction in our laws and support reform that includes a pathway to citizenship. I urge you to stand with this majority and lead our country to compassionate comprehensive immigration reform.

As a pastoral leader, I am acutely aware of the suffering created by our broken immigration laws. I often visit with Presbyterians across the country and have the privilege of hearing their stories and walking alongside them. Many struggle with uncertainty in their immigration status and many stand in solidarity with immigrants by advocating for change in the laws and providing services to those most impacted by the consequences of an unjust system.

The General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) has set forth specific foundational requirements of a just immigration policy, which include:

- A pathway to citizenship for those living and working in the U.S.
- Eliminate or reduce the backlogs in employment and family immigration.
- Create new pathways for those who wish to come to the U.S. to do so legally.
- Reform detention standards, to make them enforceable and create alternatives to detention.
- Create a border maintenance policy that respects human rights and due process.
- Eliminate internal enforcement programs that create points of contact and cooperation between local law enforcement and federal immigration agencies.

Now is the time for reform. Not a redoubling of enforcement measures or a border surge that militarizes border communities, but a just and comprehensive reform that honors our past as a nation of immigrants and ensures that we will continue to be a country held up as the measure of freedom and opportunity. I urge you to remember your immigration story and to work across party lines to solve this challenge facing our country. Thank you for your time and blessings in your service to our country.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Gradye Parsons".

The Reverend Gradye Parsons
Stated Clerk of the General Assembly
Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)



Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service

November 5, 2013

Dear Member of Congress:

On behalf of Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service (LIRS), the national organization established by Lutheran churches in the United States to serve uprooted people, I call on you to work with your colleagues in the House of Representatives to pass compassionate and just immigration reform. Since 1939, our organization has helped nearly 400,000 refugees build lives in the United States and is nationally recognized for providing services through over 60 grassroots legal and social service providers nationwide. We advocate for refugees, asylum seekers, unaccompanied children, immigrants in detention, families fractured by migration and other vulnerable populations.

LIRS welcomes new Americans on behalf of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod, and the Latvian Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. For decades, Lutherans have called for a fair and humane immigration system. It is our prayer that the House of Representatives will pass meaningful and compassionate immigration reform that:

- Provides a roadmap to legal status and eventual citizenship for current undocumented immigrants and upholds family unity;
- Prevents the separation of families and reduces harmful enforcement practices that overuse immigration detention and deportation;
- Protects families from separation and ensures an adequate supply of visas for families seeking to reunite;
- Provides adequate resources and protections to ensure the successful integration of refugees, asylees, survivors of torture and trafficking, unaccompanied children and other vulnerable migrants; and
- Ensures the protection of U.S. citizen and migrant workers.

We are counting on your leadership. The time is now for the House to enact fair and humane immigration laws that work for migrants, refugees, and America. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Brittney Nystrom, LIRS Director for Advocacy, at bnystrom@lirs.org or (202) 626-7943.

Yours in faith,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Linda J. Hartke", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Linda Hartke
President and CEO
Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service



Conference of Major Superiors of Men

November 6, 2013

Dear Member of Congress,

As people of faith, we take seriously the **Gospel call to grow in hospitality by welcoming the stranger, to grow in solidarity by walking with those on the margins, and to grow in compassion by caring for those in need.** As Catholic brothers and priests we are committed to the precepts of Catholic Social Teaching which remind us that the dignity of the person is at the core of our moral vision of society; that how we organize our society affects our sense of human dignity directly; and that any system that functions in cruel or inhumane ways needs to change.

Dignity is upheld when we treat each person as a gift, particularly as a gift from God out of love and for love. When we divide families, which are a key organ of love, ignore the gifts that immigrants are to our society, and become possessive about our land and resources then we are not acting in accord with human dignity. Laws that perpetuate these behaviors are not just. Laws that make people wait 10-20 years to enter the country are unjust, particularly when they are seeking basic needs or are separated from family.

Catholic brothers and priests began coming to these shores over 200 years ago as immigrants in many ways to serve immigrant populations. To this day we continue to minister to these aspiring citizens in our schools and hospitals, and in our churches and social service agencies. We welcome them to our communities and our homes. We see the devastating effects of the brokenness of the current immigration system every day. We share the pain of mothers and fathers separated from their children and those who risk their lives for love of their families.

The Conference of Major Superiors of Men is determined to end the suffering and injustice of our present immigration system and **calls on Congress to pass bipartisan immigration reform legislation that is just and compassionate.** Now is the time to fix our country's unjust immigration system. Our immigrant brothers and sisters cannot wait any longer.

We look forward to working with members of the House of Representatives to ensure that the immigration reform legislation honors key values upon which our nation was built; **includes a clear, accessible, and quick roadmap to citizenship; prioritizes family unity; shifts to a restorative justice paradigm and away from "border surges;" and addresses the poverty, violence, climate change, and trade policies that drive migrants from their homes.**

We promise you our prayers and hope that you will work with your colleagues to enact legislation that emphasizes compassion and God's love for all.

Sincerely,

Eli S. McCarthy, Ph.D.

Director of Justice and Peace

Conference of Major Superiors of Men

Relief, development and peace in the name of Christ

November 7, 2013

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Dear Member of Congress,

The Biblical tradition is one that instructs its followers to welcome strangers – as we welcome the stranger, we welcome Jesus himself. Mennonite Central Committee U.S. is committed to walking with immigrants and helping them through the many challenges they face. We see firsthand the results of a broken U.S. immigration system and the urgent need for reform. **We urge you to work with your colleagues in the House of Representatives to pass just and humane immigration legislation this year.**

The current U.S. immigration system, which relies on harsh enforcement measures and a bureaucratic morass, is ineffective, unjust, and causes needless suffering. Long wait lists keep families separated for years and encourage efforts to circumvent the system. Workplace raids and interior enforcement policies such as Secure Communities create a culture of fear and harm entire communities. Lax oversight of guest worker programs leaves a system ripe for exploitation and worker abuse.

In order to be truly effective, immigration reform must address the root causes of migration. Individuals are willing to risk their lives crossing the desert because the alternative – facing abject poverty or persecution in their home country – is so bleak. Ultimately, the United States must seek foreign policy solutions and trade agreements that promote economic opportunity and stability in migrants' home countries. Until that goal is achieved, however, passing a just and human immigration reform bill can help us welcome newcomers to the United States and honor the rule of law.

We urge you to act now to pass immigration reform legislation that:

- **Ensures a pathway to citizenship**
- **Keeps families together**
- **Creates just and fair guest worker programs**
- **Ensures access to basic benefits and services**
- **Does not further militarize our border, but contains border security strategies that protect community rights, human dignity, and the natural environment**
- **Addresses the root causes of migration**
- **Ends indiscriminate raids and detention**

We look forward to working with members of the House in the coming weeks to ensure that immigration reform legislation honors these values of compassion and God's love for all.

Sincerely,



J Ron Byler
Mennonite Central Committee U.S. Executive Director



November 8, 2013

Dear Member of Congress,

As people of faith and conscience, we are hopeful and joyful at the prospect of compassionate immigration policy becoming the law of the land. As a representative of the people, we urge you to pass comprehensive immigration law that is based on the following faithful and humanitarian principles. We know that:

1. **Love keeps families together.** Family reunification and policies that protect all families must be a priority of immigration policy. All families have the right to be together. Backlogs and years of waiting for legal status, living in the shadows, and unjust deportations must be ended. Healthy and safe families are the backbone of healthy and safe communities. People who come to this country to create better conditions for their families should not have to choose between caring for their loved ones or breaking a civil law. So we ask:
 - End all deportations immediately, so immigrants can participate in public life;
 - Relieve police of immigration enforcement duties, so the safety of communities can be rebuilt;
 - End the backlog of families waiting for legal status;
 - Ensure that same-gender and non-traditional families have the same rights as other families.

2. **Love respects the inherent worth and dignity of all people.** Every person has dignity. Every person has the right to have their basic needs met, including access to health care and education, and the opportunity to earn a living wage. Equality is a basic religious and American value: there should be no “second class” U.S. citizen. One’s immigration status does not change their worthiness of basic human and civil rights. No one should be despised or scapegoated. No one should be criminalized unjustly. No human being is illegal. We are all part of the Beloved Community. So we ask:
 - All people are entitled to a good job, labor protections, and access to good, affordable medical care;
 - All labor sectors are recognized, including domestic, agricultural, and other low-wage work;
 - Extend labor regulations, worker protections, and key tax credits to those in provisional status;
 - Reduce health disparities by providing equal access for those in provisional status to the Affordable Care Act and other medical rights, and protections from violence.

3. **Love has no borders.** The history of the human family is one of migration. All religious traditions, and many nations, have a tradition of extending welcome to the stranger. Laws that provide a path of inclusion—that open doors, not build walls—are what our society needs so that all may contribute to our communities and walk openly in the light of God. So we ask:
 - All 11 million undocumented immigrants need a path to citizenship that is affordable & accessible
 - Paths to citizenship should not be contingent on enforcement measures at the border;
 - Protect sacred sites of indigenous peoples, endangered species and public lands, and small business and landowners operating on the border.

We pray for you to take this moment and pass legislation that is based on and embraces these principles. Our country, our world, and our people need your leadership today. Please join us and stand on the side of love. Thank you.

In faith,

Jennifer Toth
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November 11, 2013

Dear Member of Congress,

On this Veterans' Day, as our nation remembers with gratitude the thousands of men and women who have died during wars since WWI, Franciscan Action Network remembers especially immigrants from many countries who have given their lives in military service to our nation. Following the teachings of Jesus, Francis of Assisi, and the social teachings of the Catholic Church, we believe in the dignity of all persons and defend human rights when we perceive them to be violated or ignored. Therefore, we work with other faith organizations on behalf of immigration reform that is badly needed in our country.

Most legislators acknowledge that our country's immigration system is broken and does not serve the best interest of our nation. We regret that there is no consensus in the Congress on how to repair the system. Meantime, millions of hard working immigrants live in the shadows, in constant fear of being arrested, put into detention and deported. Thousands of families have been painfully separated. Many immigrants came to the United States legally and overstayed their visas, hoping to become productive citizens. Thousands who have crossed the southern border have done so out of desperation because waiting in line for visas takes years, and they have children to feed. We know stories of immigrants who have returned to their home country to renew their visas, have used up their savings without obtaining a visa, and have crossed back into the U.S. to be with their families. Now they are imprisoned in harsh detention centers. Mothers work at several jobs to provide for children who cry for their fathers.

Our country can do better than this. We urge the House of Representatives to act now to mend our broken immigration system. Genuine reform will include an earned, reasonable path to citizenship; it will promote family unity; it will protect the rights of all, and will address the poverty, violence and policies that are the root causes of migration into the United States.

Franciscan Action Network joins the faith community across the country in appealing to our Representatives, both locally and in the Capitol, participating in prayer vigils and fasting actions, demonstrating our commitment to the goal of passing legislation that will create a fair, reasonable, compassionate immigration system that enables undocumented immigrants to be on a path to eventual citizenship. We hope to work with you in achieving this end, and hold you in prayer.

Sincerely,

Executive Director



The Office of the General Minister and President

Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in the United States and Canada

November 12, 2013

Dear Congressional Representative,

As a faith movement founded on the American frontier, the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) has throughout its heritage been characterized by a commitment to unity. Our ongoing commitment to the essential unity of the church continues now to inform our values in this important time of reforming our nation's immigration policies. Indeed, recognizing that three of four of our denomination's founders were adult immigrants and that churches of multi-ethnic (often immigrant) heritage make up nearly two-thirds of new churches, we have sought especially in recent decades to repent of racism that divides, and to increase the dignity of communities on the margins.

One evidence of our historical commitment to embrace newer immigrant communities has been our congregations' resettlement of more than 37,500 refugees since the 1950's. Therefore, we remain determined with you to ensure that our world's most vulnerable will be protected, and that certain groups with a well-founded fear of persecution, including certain religious minorities and asylees, would continue to be protected. We strongly favor those provisions related to refugee and asylee protections that are articulated within the Senate's bi-partisan immigration reform bill, S-744 and are reflected in HR-15.

We are committed with you to continue to seek visionary solutions to our broken immigration system. One of our key Disciples of Christ border area pastors, Rev. Xose Escamilla, has publicly expressed our church's conviction that "it is the time to reconcile border security with dignity of all human beings, with values that have a foundation on faith and family, and with values that prompt us to worship our Lord and welcome the stranger." We believe that families are crucial to the incorporation and economic security of newcomers, and that family based immigration has a helpful impact upon business development and community strengthening. A clear pathway to citizenship for families is necessary to solidify family opportunities and contributions to our nation over the long term. Detention and deportation practices should eliminate injustices and prioritize family unity, and practices must be reviewed to eliminate night time and unsafe deportation practices.

Specifically, our Disciples Women network of hundreds of thousands across the U.S. has also prioritized work to break the chains of those forced into servitude through human trafficking, and so we seek legislative revisions to quell this frequent violence. Likewise, as a denomination committed to building justice and safety for our families and communities, we favor policies that maintain community trust and cooperation that are essential for the effective policing and safe reporting of crimes by immigrant communities.



The Office of the General Minister and President

Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in the United States and Canada

Further, the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) has, for decades, deeply valued our partnerships with the National Farm Worker Ministry and other organizations who seek safe work conditions, just wages, and a path to citizenship for farm workers. We continue to seek legislation that allows a full path to citizenship for farm workers, and does not diminish their wages and protections which we have fought together for over so many years.

It is our full intention to continue our historical roles of welcoming newcomers, promoting civic engagement, offering English and vocational training, providing transportation, and inviting immigrants into the lives of our congregations. We urge you to offer your leadership through the House of Representatives in this historic moment to ensure our nation brings immigration reform legislation to a vote which can continue, with us, to support family unity, a path to citizenship, protection for the vulnerable, and justice for those new immigrants and farm workers who serve our nation and grow our food daily.

Sincerely,

The Rev. Dr. Sharon E. Watkins, General Minister and President,
Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in the US and Canada



**Welcome the stranger.
Protect the refugee.**

HIAS—the global Jewish nonprofit that protects refugees—believes that our country’s current immigration system does not reflect our history as a nation of immigrants, does not meet today’s security and economic needs, and is not fair and humane. The estimated 11 million undocumented immigrants living in the U.S. without legal status are vulnerable to exploitation. There are few, if any, legal channels for U.S. employers to hire immigrant workers, and tremendous backlogs in the family visa system have resulted in families being needlessly separated for years or even decades.

As an organization deeply rooted in Jewish values, HIAS supports policies that fulfill the Torah’s mandate to ‘welcome the stranger.’ As such, we are very concerned about the piecemeal immigration legislation being considered in the House of Representatives, such as the Strengthen and Fortify Enforcement (SAFE) Act, H.R. 2278, which would worsen expansive laws targeting terrorism that instead have consequences for refugees and asylees. We support the Senate “Gang of Eight” bill, S. 744, and its House counterpart H.R. 15, which would make the immigration system more fair and humane for refugees, asylum seekers, and all immigrants.

American Jews know too well the impact of restrictive immigration policies, and we have seen how the immigration issue can become a flashpoint for xenophobia. We are concerned the failure of national leaders to fix the broken immigration system has fueled racist, nativist, and extremist groups who blame immigrants for our country’s problems, and has been a central factor in the spread of state and local policies and laws that legalize discrimination against immigrants.

Based on the American and Jewish values to which we strongly adhere and our proud history as immigrants to this country, we urge Congress to enact immigration legislation that:

- Brings undocumented immigrants out of the shadows by providing a pathway to citizenship, creates safe and legal avenues for future flows of immigrants, reunites families, establishes border protection and enforcement policies that enhance our national security, and accords all immigrants the responsibilities and rights required for full integration into American society.
- Fixes the broken system for admitting and integrating refugees and asylum seekers who have fled persecution to build new lives in this country.
- Includes a fair, inclusive, realistic, and achievable channel for immigrants to earn permanent residency and citizenship within a reasonable timeframe.
- Ensures that immigration detention laws are consistent with humanitarian values and with the need to treat all individuals humanely and with respect.
- Ensures that immigration enforcement laws respect immigrant and worker rights and civil liberties and reflect the values of pluralism and fair treatment under the law.
- Includes measures to effectively identify and prevent the entry of those who are dangerous and who pose a risk to our national security.



Dear Members of the House of Representatives,

As we approach the end of the 2013 calendar, CWS urges you to be a champion for immigration reform, now and continuing into the new year. Along with others in the faith community and broader immigrants' rights movement, we were very disappointed that the House failed to demonstrate leadership in enacting immigration reform. With our 37 member denominations and 36 refugee resettlement offices and affiliates across the country, we have been advocating for immigration reform for more than a decade. During that time, we have continued to witness the devastation that our broken immigration system has wrecked upon communities across the country.

Every day the House waits to act, people across the country face devastation at the hands of our broken immigration system. Families are being separated by raids, detention, deportation, bars to entry and lengthy visa backlogs. Children are terrified by home invasion raids, and permanently scarred by the ongoing fear of being separated from their parents. More than 200,000 U.S. citizen children have been forcibly separated from their parents by deportation. Nearly two million of our community members have been deported, uprooted from their dreams of building a better life for their families here in the United States. More than 400,000 people have been imprisoned in immigration detention centers each year, with widespread violations of their rights.

In 2013, as a country we have seen an opening for immigration reform to be discussed, debated, introduced, amended, voted on, and enacted into law. CWS was pleased to see the Senate rise to the occasion and enact a broadly bipartisan bill, S. 744. While this bill is not perfect, it moves our country in the right direction by creating a path to citizenship for our undocumented community members and reforming many aspects of the visa system. Despite this progress and demonstration that both sides can come together, the House has failed to bring any immigration bill up for a vote. This irresponsible negligence has stalled the will of the American people and prevented needed progress that will not only improve the lives of immigrants, but will also strengthen our economy and instill confidence in the United States at home and abroad.

CWS recently hosted a global summit, with 300 people of faith coming to Washington, DC from across the country to urge Congress to enact immigration reform. Along with our partners in the Interfaith Immigration Coalition, we have facilitated more than 300 visits with Members of Congress both in DC and local district offices. People of faith have hosted hundreds of prayer vigils, community education events, and creative actions, including 10,000 people who joined FAST Action for Immigration Reform, and the many faith leaders who are fasting in solidarity with the Fast4Families fasters who are now in their fifteenth day of fasting. All of this demonstrates the breadth and depth of support in the faith community for an immigration reform bill that will create a path to citizenship. Members of the House must not ignore this momentum that signifies the will of the American people. The House must enact immigration reform as soon as possible.

CWS calls for immigration reform that will create a path to citizenship for undocumented individuals, prioritize family unity, uphold the dignity of all workers, and protect vulnerable populations such as refugees and asylees. We urge you to lead on immigration reform, and to do everything in your power to persuade House leadership to bring such a bill up for a vote. We offer our assistance and support, however we can be helpful to you in this pursuit, and we also stand ready to hold you and your colleagues in the House accountable to enacting immigration reform legislation. We want to be active partners in the push for immigration reform. Immigration reform must be a priority in moving this country forward, and we all must be willing to demonstrate the leadership necessary to make it a reality.

Sincerely,

Erol Kekic
Director, Immigration and Refugee Program
Church World Service

November 15, 2013

Dear Member of Congress,

Since its founding in 1906, AJC has been outspoken in support of fair and generous immigration policies. As American Jews, we recall how our parents and grandparents made their way to this country seeking a better life, and know that we have prospered in and contributed to this country. In our time, comprehensive immigration reform will not only allow hard-working immigrants an opportunity to succeed in the United States, for themselves and for future generations, but also strengthen America's global competitiveness—and, at the same time, promote respect for the rule of law and protect our national security.

In advocating for fair, effective and humane immigration policies, AJC acts in accord with the American Jewish community's longstanding interest in, and commitment to, a United States immigration and refugee policy that represents our nation's best traditions. According to Jewish tradition, "strangers" are to be welcomed and valued, as we were once "strangers in the land of Egypt." The Torah tells us: "The strangers who sojourn with you shall be to you as the natives among you, and you shall love them as yourself; for you were strangers in the land of Egypt" (Leviticus 19:33-34).

In June 2013, AJC applauded Senate passage of the Border Security, Economic Opportunity, and Immigration Modernization Act of 2013 (S.744). This historic legislation has set the stage for a complete overhaul of America's broken immigration system. AJC also supports the bipartisan H.R.15, counterpart comprehensive immigration legislation in the House of Representatives. We are concerned about the piecemeal immigration legislation that is also being considered, such as the Strengthen and Fortify Enforcement (SAFE) Act, H.R. 2278, an expansive bill that ostensibly targets terrorism but that instead has adverse consequences for vulnerable refugees and asylees.


Against this background, AJC calls on the House of Representatives to pass fair and humane common-sense comprehensive immigration reform legislation that includes the following principles:

- (1) A path to legalization for undocumented immigrants;
- (2) A workable future flows program for temporary workers, and permanent fixes to the employment, family and refugee visa categories, that will provide businesses with the workforce they need to compete in a global economy as well as promote family unification;
- (3) Provisions for border security and enforcement that are both effective and more humane;
- (4) Due process reforms and reform of our detention and asylum system; and
- (5) Enhanced resources for integration of immigrants.

Comprehensive immigration reform offers our country a tremendous opportunity to act in accord with its highest values, ensuring fairness and humanity while also being mindful of our nation's security and economic interests. Jewish tradition teaches us that each person is made *b'tselem elohim*, in the image of G-d. Accordingly, we engage the immigration issue with the goal of fashioning an immigration system that facilitates legal status and family unity in the interest of serving the inherent dignity and rights of every individual, even as it enhances our national security, strengthens our economy, and promotes respect for the rule of law.

Thank you for considering our views on this matter and we look forward to working with your office to pass this important legislation.

Respectfully,



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November 18, 2013

Dear Member of Congress,

The American Friends Service Committee (AFSC) is an almost 100-year old faith-based organization grounded in the Quaker belief in the dignity and worth of every person. AFSC provides direct legal services and engages in organizing with immigrants and allies along with advocacy and movement building throughout the U.S. We directly support immigrants, refugees and their communities to organize themselves, to seek out and raise their issues as a way to affirm their aspirations and needs, and to continue to make contributions to this nation.

We believe that the basis of U.S. immigration policy should be the protection of human rights and equal opportunity, not structures that enable employers to operate outside wage and safety laws, or result in the forced separation of families and communities.

Below are critical policy recommendations developed in close consultation with communities directly impacted by immigration systems, which if adopted will ensure that the rights and well-being of everyone are respected:

- A clear path to citizenship that prioritizes unifying all family members, the historical cornerstone of U.S. immigration policies;
- Budget choices that improve the quality-of-life for border communities and respect the human and civil rights of all people regardless of where they call “home”;
- Protection of labor, civil and human rights for all residents;
- Ceasing programs requiring local law enforcement officials to enforce federal immigration laws, such as "Secure Communities" and 287(g), which make our communities less safe by undermining trust between local populations and local officers; and
- An end to mandatory detention policies which violate due process and tear families apart.

The time has come to fix our harmful and exploitative immigration system. Communities of faith are united in the call for comprehensive, compassionate immigration policy reforms that honor our shared humanity. Immigrants can no longer wait for relief while Congress plays politics with their lives.

The AFSC encourages you to undertake meaningful reforms with renewed vigor and a firm dedication to humane policies that protect family unity, preserve the rights of workers, end unnecessary detentions and deportations, provide a road to citizenship for all 11 million undocumented immigrants, and halt the militarization of our southern border.

Aura Kanegis
Director, Office of Public Policy and
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Nov. 19, 2013

Dear Member of Congress,

All religions believe in justice. We call upon you to pass comprehensive, commonsense immigration reform before the end of the year. There are no compelling reasons for waiting to deliver justice to the 11 million undocumented people living in the shadows of our nation. Millions of people are facing deportation, and families are being divided. Without legal status, immigrant workers fall victim to every kind of labor abuse and cannot protect their rights without fear of deportation. Unscrupulous employers steal their wages without fear of investigation and abuse outdated immigration policies for an immoral profit.

We join with the millions of citizens of our nation, Republican and Democrat, and of every race and religion to call upon you to take action to fix this broken immigration system and put our nation back on the road to shared prosperity for all. Study after study by unimpeachable research institutes confirm that our economy will prosper when employers have legal channels to employ workers and when their labor and wages are subject to the standards of the Fair Labor Standards Act.

Compassionate and commonsense immigration policies are possible. S-744 and HR-15 are far from perfect bills, and many in our membership oppose provisions that will make it extremely difficult for immigrants to ever become citizens in the country where they have labored for many years for low wages. The 60-day continuous employment provision is an enormous obstacle, especially in our current employment crisis. However, we do remain steadfast in our commitment to comprehensive and common sense immigration reform that keeps families together, protects the rights of workers and creates a pathway to citizenship that recognizes the hardships and injustices that undocumented workers have already endured.

It is not too late to act with haste to pass immigration reform legislation. In the providence of God, the sooner you do so, the better.

Sincerely,



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The Rev. Michael Livingston
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November 20, 2013

Dear Member of the House of Representatives:

As bishops and pastors of The United Methodist Church, we implore you to take action immediately and pass immigration reform that provides genuine solutions for the broken immigration system in the United States. Many of our United Methodist churches minister with and among immigrant communities and thus we witness firsthand every day the fear and uncertainty that so many immigrant families are forced to live under. The very real fear and terror immigrants daily experience is due in large part to the:

- Detention or deportation of loved ones, including the deportation of 1.5 million people during the period of 2009-2013.
- Lack of legal recognition of the presence of immigrants though many have lived in the United States for decades.
- Failure of our elected leaders to acknowledge the tremendous gifts and contributions immigrants make to our communities and congregations every day.
- Racism that has sadly pervaded the national discussion of this issue.

Something must be done now to fix the immigration system. We look to you to ignore the political paralysis and to provide real solutions.

Unfortunately, the measures put forth at this time, including the legislation that passed the Senate, have failed to provide real solutions. These efforts fall short because they fail to see that immigration is innately a human-rights issue. More than an issue of national security, immigration is about people, individuals and families who have bravely sojourned to the United States in search of basic human survival, of safety and freedom. If we believe that the United States is a place of freedom, equality and justice then it is our responsibility and privilege to make those ideals a reality for native born and immigrant alike.

As Christians we believe that Jesus incarnated hospitality as he welcomed people and ministered to their greatest need. We stand with Jesus who calls us to a new social order, a beloved community, based on love, grace, justice, inclusion, mercy and egalitarianism, rather than an old order, characterized by nepotism, racism, classism, sexism and exclusion. The broken immigration system in the United States and the xenophobic responses to migrants that we have seen reflect the latter social order. As the people of God we will work diligently to advocate for the creation of a new immigration system that reflects Jesus' beloved community (see: United Methodist Book of Resolutions, "Welcoming the Migrant to the U.S.," page 391).

Thus, we call for genuine, solution-based reform that includes:

- Full citizenship for undocumented immigrants. "Pathways" that take years to go through, deny crucial social services to immigrants, and potentially exclude millions of people — as seen in the Senate bill — will not bring genuine reform and will not provide necessary solutions.
- Reunification of families separated by migration and deportations. Detentions and deportations have been at record levels the past five years. Family visas should not be forced to compete with employment-based visas, and the categories for family members eligible for visas should be expanded so that families are not split apart.

- An end to all deportations until genuine, solution-based reform is passed.
- Preserving the basic civil and human rights of all migrants including worker protections and due process in the courts.
- Addressing the root causes of migration, such as repairing financial systems in sending countries that oppress vulnerable populations. We should focus efforts to invest in environmentally sustainable economic development that preserves and defends the basic human rights of all people. Reform that fails to address the reasons why people are forced to migrate is not genuine reform.

In Scripture, Queen Esther responds to the suffering of her people by risking her status in the palace — her very life — to ease that suffering and bring about genuine justice. Her uncle, Mordecai, implored her to not remain silent in the face of such suffering, but to speak out, to act, because she had come into such an important position for "such a time as this" (Esther 4:14).

We stand with Mordecai asking you the same thing: Please do not remain silent in the face of the suffering of our immigrant sisters and brothers. Please do not ignore the cries of the families that have been unnecessarily separated from their loved ones. Please hear their voices. Speak up for justice! Insist that House leadership take action to pass genuine, solution-based reform.

In the words of the Book of Esther: "Who knows but that you have come into your position for such a time as this" (Esther 4:14c)?

Respectfully,

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COLUMBAN CENTER FOR ADVOCACY AND OUTREACH

Dear Members of the House of Representatives:

I write from the Columban Center for Advocacy and Outreach, a ministry of the Missionary Society of St. Columban, an international Catholic organization of priests and lay missionaries who work with and serve those who are poor and marginalized. We are currently active in 15 countries, including the United States.

November 23rd marks our Patron Saint Day. St. Columban was a sixth century priest. A migrant himself, he left his home in Ireland to bring Christianity back to Europe. On his missionary journey, he experienced discrimination and isolation in foreign lands. Sadly, many migrants still experience this.

Today, Columban Fathers and lay missionaries work with immigrant communities in most of the states we serve. Columbans serve in parishes where immigrants worship, they provide mass and counseling in detention centers and local jails, and they walk with immigrants to ensure they have their basic needs met or have access to legal assistance. Many immigrants become longtime parishioners, friends, and family. Columbans serve immigrants from Fiji, Korea, the Philippines, Latin America, and other nations. Columbans have also witnessed many victims of violence, displacement, and exploitation due to the negative effects of migration.

Our immigration system is broken. As a nation, we fail to understand what compels people to come to the United States. U.S. trade policies have driven many in Central America and Mexico further into poverty. Global conflict and violence is another factor that drives migration when a family no longer feels it is safe at home. Natural disasters such as typhoons, hurricanes, and earthquakes can also make communities uninhabitable. **By addressing the root causes of migration with a policy response that promotes development with human dignity and respect for creation at the center, we can address some of the push factors of migration.**

Columbans value both being in relationship with and providing hospitality to the most vulnerable members of society. Current U.S. policy does not provide an atmosphere of hospitality or welcome. Detaining immigrants, especially in cruel ways such as solitary confinement or icy cold holding cells is inhumane. Likewise, deportation practices that separate parents, children and loved ones, especially in the middle of the night or in different areas of the country is dangerous and cruel. Due to the detention bed mandate, many immigrants who have committed no criminal offense are detained or deported. **By fixing our broken immigration system, we can save millions of tax dollars and provide an immigration policy that reflects moral values shared across faith traditions that call us to welcome the stranger among us.**

The Columban Center for Advocacy and Outreach calls for comprehensive immigration reform that:

- **Places family unity at the heart of our nation's immigration policy.** We would like to see an increase of family-based visas, ensure families remain together when assessing deportation situations.
- **Ensures a pathway to citizenship that is realistic and attainable** for the 11 million undocumented immigrants. The Senate pathway to citizenship is too long and arduous and leaves too many still in the shadows. Barriers related to income levels, uninterrupted employment, access to public benefits, fines, and triggers make the pathway unattainable for

too many people. It is morally reprehensible to leave many in the shadows with no access to benefits and of a challenging economic moment in our nation's history. We cannot have a two-tier class of citizens for those that can afford the pathway to citizenship and those who cannot.

- **Respects the dignity and worth of border communities and God's creation.** Just as we are one human family in God's eyes, many border communities have strong relationships that unite them across borders. The construction of walls has harmed these relationships. The 2005 Real ID law allowed for environmental, tribal, and other laws to be ignored and destroyed critical wildlife corridors. The Senate bill will further increase fear among border residents and continue to harm God's creation on the border.
- **Provides opportunities to address future flows of migration.** Addressing root causes of migration is part of that solution. Ensuring there are opportunities for employment-based migration is another piece of the solution. Employment-based visa programs should protect the rights of workers from exploitation by foreign recruiters. There must also be visas for both low- and high-skilled workers.

Immigration reform is not a lost cause if Congress has the will. We urge you to have the moral courage to pass comprehensive immigration reform. Immigration reform is a moral obligation to the 11 million undocumented who want to contribute fully to our nation and who also want to accept the benefits and responsibilities that come with citizenship.

Sincerely,

Scott Wright
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The Interfaith Immigration Coalition (IIC), a coalition of 35 national faith-based organizations, calls on the 113th Congress to reform of our broken immigration system. For more than a decade, the IIC has been working with hundreds of congregations, service providers, and faith leaders across the country to educate communities, oppose anti-immigrant legislation, and work toward humane immigration reform. In the past four years alone, the IIC network has organized more than a thousand prayer vigils, community forums, and rallies across the country in support of immigrants' rights. As a diverse coalition, we see this as an opportunity to raise issues that should be considered as Congress moves forward with fixing our nation's broken immigration system. The IIC calls on Congress to enact legislation that will:

Address the Causes of Migration

People of faith have witnessed firsthand the suffering caused by extreme poverty, violent conflict, political and religious persecution, and environmental destruction that prompt individuals to leave their homes in search of a better life. U.S. foreign policy must seek smart, effective ways to help reshape financial systems that unduly burden vulnerable populations – including U.S. trade policies, international financial institutions, and local economies in sending countries – toward models that support those in need.

Our faiths compel us to seek to reduce the need for people to leave their homes in order to provide for their families. Rather than current policies which undermine sustainable livelihoods in sending countries, we should invest in environmentally sustainable economic development that preserves and defends the basic human rights of all people. These policies will provide alternatives to unauthorized immigration and reduce the need for costly border enforcement, detention, and deportation.

Create a Process for Undocumented Immigrants to Earn Citizenship

Any meaningful reform of our immigration system must include a fair and generous process that allows undocumented immigrants and their families to earn lawful permanent residency with a pathway to citizenship. The workability of such a program should not be hindered by overly punitive criteria, such as mandating that immigrants leave the country or pay exorbitant fees, or by making the process conditional upon the implementation of enforcement measures. We urge members of Congress to oppose legislation that would curtail the nature of citizenship or restrict access to public benefits and child tax credits.

Keep Families Together

Families are the basic unit of strong communities. Today, thousands of families are separated by our broken immigration system and should be reunited. Backlogs at U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services and the limited number of visas force family members to choose between being separated for extended periods of time or illegally entering the country. A fair immigration system must improve and strengthen the family immigration process by recapturing visas lost to bureaucratic delay to reduce the current backlog; reclassifying spouses and minor children of lawful permanent residents as immediate relatives; raising the per country visa limits from seven to fifteen percent of total admissions to reduce long wait times for certain nationalities; eliminating unlawful presence bars for the spouse, child, or parent of U.S. citizens and lawful permanent residents; admitting surviving family members of deceased family petitioners; and eliminating the cap on the total number of family-based visas available.

Enact the *Development, Relief, and Education for Alien Minors (DREAM) Act*

The faith community sees the DREAM Act as vital in fixing the broken immigration system. The DREAM Act has had many iterations, and the IIC calls

on Congress to enact robust and inclusive legislation that would provide a pathway to citizenship for individuals brought to the United States at age 16 or younger, are currently no older than 35 years of age, and who have graduated from high school, earned a GED in the U.S, or are currently in school. In addition to college and military service criteria, the IIC urges legislators to include volunteer service as a method by which DREAMers can maintain legal status and earn citizenship. DACA recipients should automatically qualify for any legalization process, and their time with DACA status should count toward any conditional status period under the DREAM Act.

Protect Workers' Rights, Including Agricultural Workers

There is a clear need to expand legal avenues for workers to migrate to the United States in a safe, authorized, and orderly manner. It is vital that these workers' rights are fully protected, including the right to bring their families with them, travel as needed, change their place of employment, and apply for lawful permanent residency and eventually citizenship.

Enactment of AgJobs (the *Agricultural Job Opportunities, Benefits and Security Act*) would provide a legal, stable labor force by offering undocumented farmworkers the chance to earn legal status by meeting stringent work requirements and legal obligations. AgJobs would revise the H-2A agricultural guest-worker program to help employers fill critical agricultural positions that have been difficult to fill, sustaining agricultural industries while also protecting workers' rights.

As currently structured, the electronic employment verification (E-verify) program has proven detrimental to migrants, employers, and citizen employees. It leads to increased discrimination and unfair hiring and firing practices. For these reasons, and because we believe all workers benefit from the enforcement of health, safety, wage, and hour laws, as well as the right to peacefully organize, the IIC is opposed to the mandatory expansion of the E-verify program.

Place Humanitarian Values at the Center of Enforcement Policies

Enforcement policies must be made to be consistent with humanitarian values and with the need to treat all individuals with respect, while allowing the United States to identify and prevent the entry of persons who commit dangerous crimes. Over the past twenty years, the federal government has dramatically increased border fence and other infrastructure construction, border patrol presence, immigration detention, and the deportation of immigrants, without regard to cost or effectiveness. Over \$10 billion of taxpayers' money has been spent on border security. It is now time to reform the broken immigration system. To truly decrease unauthorized immigration, the United States should improve access to a fair and humane legal immigration system, increasing and improving the efficiency of ports of entry, expanding visa availability, and eliminating application backlogs.

Border security has also proven to be environmentally irresponsible on many levels. It threatens already endangered species and damages public lands and interferes with business and land owners who operate and live along the border. We have also witnessed the desecration of sacred sites and the violation of religious freedom, as well as the unnecessary anguish of community members whose loved ones have suffered or died seeking entry into the United States. Above all else, enforcement policies must treat all individuals with respect and dignity. Citizens and migrants alike have the right to a fair and humane legal immigration system that respects the dignity of all persons, prioritizes the cohesiveness of families and communities, recognizes the economic contributions of immigrants, and upholds our moral obligations to provide refuge and welcome for the sojourner.

Protect Refugees and Migrant Survivors of Violence

The IIC encourages Congress to make life-changing improvements to the U.S. refugee resettlement program that would help refugees integrate in their new homes in the United States. Refugees have fled persecution in their home countries due to their race, nationality, religion, political opinion, or membership in a particular social group, and the United States has a rich tradition of welcoming refugees and helping them begin new lives. Bills such as the *Refugee Protection Act*, *Domestic Refugee Resettlement and Modernization Act*, and *Strengthening Refugee Resettlement Act* include positive reforms that would not only help refugees, but provide important resources to the communities that welcome them.

The *Violence Against Women Act* (VAWA) has a long history of uniting lawmakers with the common purpose of protecting survivors of domestic violence. Congress has consistently recognized the vulnerability of non-citizen survivors of violence by enacting provisions in VAWA that enhance safety for survivors and their children and provide tools for law enforcement to investigate and prosecute crimes. In 2012, the House of Representatives passed a VAWA reauthorization bill that would undermine years of protections for immigrant victims and would actually make immigrants more vulnerable, endangering many lives. The IIC urges that any reauthorization of VAWA maintain and improve protections for migrant survivors, not weaken them.

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Arkansas Interfaith Alliance, Little Rock, AR
Frontera de Cristo, Douglas, AZ
Chino Valley UMC, Chino Valley, AZ
Good Shepherd United Church of Christ, Sahuarita, AZ
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Trinity UMC, Des Moines, IA
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Walnut Hills UMC, Urbandale, IA
Las Americas/Trinity UMC, Des Moines, IA
Congregation of the Humility of Mary, Davenport, IA
Sisters of Charity, BVM, Dubuque, IA
UMC, Fairfax, IA
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Justice For Our Neighbors DFW, Grapevine, TX
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Sisters of the Holy Spirit, San Antonio, TX
Unitarian Universalist Church, San Antonio, TX
United Methodist, Bedford, TX
Wimberley United Methodist Church, Wimberley, TX
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Acton United Methodist, Granbury, TX
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