

An Open Letter to President Obama and to All Members of Congress

We urge you to create a humane and just immigration process that provides a clear roadmap to citizenship for the 11 million aspiring citizens and dignifies the individual and our nation by ensuring access to affordable health care and needed nutrition assistance. We believe that reform of our immigration system is a moral and economic imperative. This is true for the millions of aspiring citizens caught in the morass of a broken system; for those of us whose family, friends, neighbors, schools, congregations and communities include these individuals; and for achieving a stronger, more prosperous nation.

It is well established that immigrants help fuel the U.S. economy with their hard work and entrepreneurship. They contribute to the national treasury and are needed to shore up Social Security and Medicare. Our population is aging and our labor force increasingly depends upon immigrants and their children.

A new immigration system with a roadmap to citizenship will bring aspiring citizens out of the shadows so that they and their families may fully and equally participate in the life of our nation. Doing so not only will help immigrants but will profoundly benefit the community at large. It will enable economic growth and ground our national policy in the values we cherish. This is our opportunity to live up to our nation's promise of the unalienable rights of "Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness."

To acknowledge the inherent value and dignity of all human beings and to invest in our future, we must commit to ensuring their health and wellbeing. We ask our leaders to pass a national immigration law grounded in our most cherished principles. Such a policy will provide equal responsibility, and an equal opportunity to meet that responsibility, to all individuals living in the U.S.

Immigration reform that reflects America's values and priorities will provide equality and dignity and will:

- Help lift families out of poverty and promote economic security for all low-income families. This investment in human capital will make for a stronger, more secure nation.
- Reaffirm our nation's long-standing tradition of providing a core safety net for citizens and immigrants residing in the U.S. which will reinforce efforts to achieve national progress in health and nutrition.
- Ensure access to key programs and public services that meet basic human needs, including health services and insurance, education, nutrition assistance, and working family tax credits.
- Invest in robust efforts to integrate immigrants into their communities.
- Ensure that all individuals have access to and pay their fair share for quality, affordable health care and receive medical care when they need it.

National Groups

Asian & Pacific Islander American Health Forum
Church World Service
CLASP
Coalition on Human Needs
First Focus
National Immigration Law Center
National Latina Institute for Reproductive Health

Advocacy and Training Center
Advocates for Youth
AFL-CIO
AIDS Community Research Initiative of America
AIDS United
Alliance for a Just Society
Alliance for Children and Families
Alliance of Baptists
American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME)
American Federation of Teachers
American Medical Student Association
American Sexual Health Association
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Asian American Justice Center, Member of Asian American Center for Advancing Justice
Asian Pacific American Medical Student Association (APAMSA)
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Children's Advocacy Institute
Children's Health Fund
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Civil Liberties and Public Policy Program
CLASP
Coalition on Human Needs
Committee of Interns and Residents - SEIU Healthcare
Community Action Partnership
Community Catalyst
Congregation of St. Joseph
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The Episcopal Network for Economic Justice
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National Center for Law and Economic Justice
National Center for Transgender Equality
National Community Tax Coalition
National Council of Jewish Women
National Council on Aging
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National Gay and Lesbian Task Force
National Health Law Program
National Hispanic Media Coalition
National Immigration Law Center
National Korean American Service and Education Consortium
National Latina Institute for Reproductive Health
National Law Center on Homelessness & Poverty
National Minority AIDS Council
National Senior Citizens Law Center
National Women and AIDS Collective (NWAC)
National Women's Health Network
NETWORK, a National Catholic Social Justice Lobby
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Raising Women's Voices for the Health Care We Need
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Advocacy for Justice and Peace Committee of the Sisters of St. Francis of Philadelphia
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Advocates for Women
African Services Committee
AFSCME3299
AIDS Foundation of Chicago
AIDS Legal Council of Chicago
AIDS Resource Center Ohio
Alameda Health Consortium
Alianza del Pueblo
Alivio Medical Center
All Saints Episcopal Church, Pasadena, CA
Alliance of Californians for Community Empowerment
Alliance of Filipinos for Immigrant Rights and Empowerment
American Citizens for Justice/Asian American Center for Justice
American Friends Service Committee of Western Massachusetts
Arkansas Advocates for Children and Families
Arkansas Marshallese Community
Asian American Community Services
Asian Counseling & Referral Service
Asian Health Coalition
Asian Human Services Family Health Center
Asian Law Alliance
Asian Law Caucus, member of Asian American Center for Advancing Justice
Asian Pacific American Legal Center
Asian Services In Action, Inc.
Asian-American Community Service Council
Association for Latino American Studies (ALAS)

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California Immigrant Policy Center
California Latinas for Reproductive Justice
California Pan-Ethnic Health Network
California Primary Care Association
Cal-Islanders Humanitarian Association
Canal Alliance
CASA de Maryland
Casa Latina
Cascade AIDS Project
Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Chicago
Center for Advocacy, Rights and Engagement
Center for Civil Justice
Center for Independent Living of South Florida, Inc.
Center for Interfaith Encounter
Center for Latino Progress - CPRF
Center for Public Policy Priorities
Central Ohio Immigrant Justice
CEO Pipe Organs/Golden Ponds Farm
Children Now
Children's Alliance
Christie's Place
CIR NOW- Comprehensive Immigration Reform
Citizen Action of New York
City of Hope
Cleveland Chinese students and professional group
CLUE Santa Barbara
Coalition for Humane Immigrant Rights of Los Angeles (CHIRLA)
CodePink - Wichita
Collaborative Center for Justice
Colorado Center on Law and Policy
Colorado Immigrant Rights Coalition
Colorado Organization for Latina Opportunity and Reproductive Rights
Communications Workers of America
Communities Creating Opportunity
Community Action Partnership of Utah
Community Legal Services, Inc.
Community Of Friends In Action
Community Service Society of New York
Comunidad Liberación/Liberation Community
Connecticut Multicultural Health Partnership
CT Asian Pacific American Affairs Commission
Dallas Fort Worth Pride Movement

Denali Family Services
Developing & Empowering Latinos In America
Dominican Development Center
Dominican Sisters of Houston
DRUM - Desis Rising Up & Moving
Earth Mama Healing, Inc,
East Central Illinois Refugee Mutual Assistance Center
El CENTRO de Igualdad y Derechos
El Quinto Sol De America
Elba Central School
Empire Justice Center
Encuentro
Entre Hermanos
Episcopal Church of Our Saviour/Iglesia de Nuestro Salvador
Faith Caucus - IL CBHC
Farmworker Association of Florida
Filipino Advocates for Justice
First Mexican Baptist Ch.
Florida Legal Services, Inc.
GALAEI
Georgia Immigrant and Refugee Rights Coalition
Georgia Rural Urban Summit
Grace Lutheran Church
Gray Panthers of San Francisco
Greater Rochester Coalition for Immigration Justice
Guam Communications Network
The Hat Project
Health Care For All New York
HIAS Chicago
HIAS Pennsylvania
Hispanic Alliance of Tampa Bay
Hispanic Community Dialogue Organization
Hispanic Ministry Office
HIV Law Project
Housing Works
Houston Community Services
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Latino Community Roundtable
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LULAC- TAMPA
Lupus Foundation of Northern California
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Massachusetts Immigrant and Refugee Advocacy Coalition
Massachusetts Law Reform Institute
Maxwell Street Legal Clinic
Migrant Support Services of Wayne Co. NY
Minnesota AIDS Project
Mississippi Immigrants Rights Alliance
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National Council of Jewish Women, Concordia Section
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National Council of Jewish Women, Greater Houston Section
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National Council of Jewish Women, Long Beach Section
National Council of Jewish Women, Missouri State Policy Advocacy Chair
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New Haven Peoples Center
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New York Immigration Coalition
New York Lawyers for the Public Interest
New Yorkers for Accessible Health Coverage
NH Alliance for Immigrants and Refugees
NM Asian Family Center (NMAFC)
NOELA Community Health Center
North Carolina Council of Churches
Northwest Immigrant Rights Project
Ohio AIDS Coalition
Ohio Asian American Health Coalition
OneAmerica
Open Door Clinic
Oregon New Sanctuary Movement
Pacific Islander Cancer Survivors Network
Pacific Islander Health Partnership
Pax Christi DuPage County
Pennsylvania Council of Churches
PICO California
Pilgrim Congregational UCC
Prevention Point Philadelphia
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The River Fund
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San Ysidro Health Center
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May 8, 2013

The Honorable Patrick Leahy
Chairman, Senate Judiciary Committee
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The Honorable Charles Grassley
Ranking Member, Senate Judiciary Committee
135 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

Re: Women's Health in Immigration Reform and the Five Year Bar to Affordable Health Care

Dear Chairman Leahy and Ranking Member Grassley,

We welcome Senate consideration of comprehensive immigration reform – an issue that is greatly in need of attention. As advocates for women's health, however, we have concerns about provisions in the "Border Security, Economic Opportunity, and Immigration Modernization Act" that would be deleterious to the health of women and their families. We urge the Senate Judiciary Committee to lift prohibitions on access to health coverage in the bill and affirm equitable access to health care for all. As a critical first step, we ask the Senate Judiciary Committee to remove the five-year bar on immigrant's access to vital health care and family economic support programs. Women comprise the majority – 51% – of the immigrant population, yet issues of concern to women, particularly the need to advance access to quality and affordable health coverage and care have not been adequately addressed in this legislation.

Immigrant women are important contributing members of society who promote success at the workplace, in the home, and in their communities. Yet current federal policies governing immigrant women's access to health care and family economic supports, like the five-year bar, defy sound public health policies; are based on harmful myths and stereotypes; and undermine immigrant women's ability to fully contribute to the success of their families, communities, and our nation's economy.

As such, we are concerned that the immigration reform bill produced by the bipartisan group in the U.S. Senate does nothing to address the current restrictions and will leave many immigrant women without access to affordable and quality health care. As currently written, an undocumented immigrant woman coming forward to obtain citizenship is barred from means-tested federal benefits like Medicaid for the minimum 10-year period she is a registered provisional immigrant (RPI). In addition to this 10-year restriction, she will also face an additional five-year wait under current law if she does not naturalize. As a registered provisional immigrant, she will also be ineligible for premium tax credits and subsidies to facilitate her participation in the health insurance marketplaces, placing these new health plans out of reach for many immigrant women. As such, an immigrant woman may have to wait up to 15 years or more before she can access affordable health coverage options.

This proposal is short-sighted and jeopardizes the health of women and their families. Health coverage for women can mean the difference between preventing and managing a treatable condition or, facing barriers to care, having those conditions exacerbated while going undetected and untreated. The latter circumstance can jeopardize a woman's health and well-being across her lifespan. In addition, providing low-income immigrant women with Medicaid coverage will also help increase access to pregnancy-related services and family planning services, which are fundamental to improving maternal and infant health. For a woman without access to routine care for 15 years, for example, an undetected, untreated sexually transmitted infection may cause infertility. Tragically, for a woman with undiagnosed breast or cervical cancer, 15 years can be the difference between life and death.

Beyond the human costs associated with delaying health coverage for a decade or more, the health coverage exclusions in the bipartisan immigration reform bill are fiscally short-sighted and impact immigrant women's ability to live as fully productive and independent members of society. Immigrant women are more productive when they have access to health care and are better able to work, care for their families, and pursue educational and employment opportunities. Additionally, when immigrant women and families don't have health coverage, the need for medical attention does not go away. Immigrant women without health insurance may either delay treatment for a preventable disease like cervical cancer, leading to higher costs and greater suffering, or seek care through under-resourced and expensive emergency systems. This undermines immigrant women's financial stability and increases health costs for the entire system. Expansions in health coverage have alleviated the costs of such emergency care by promoting preventive measures, detection, and early treatment; to exclude immigrants on the roadmap to citizenship is not only unfair, but fiscally irresponsible.

As such, we urge you to lift the five-year bar to accessing critical federal benefit programs such as Medicaid imposed on lawfully present immigrants. Doing so will improve immigrant women's access to health coverage, utilization of preventive care, and management of health conditions — outcomes that serve to benefit immigrant women and families as well as the health and economic well-being of our communities.

Immigrant women and families on the path to citizenship are committed to being in America. They should have the same responsibilities, and access to supports for which they are eligible, as other Americans.

We thank you for your time and consideration to these issues.

Sincerely,

List of signatories on following pages

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National Organizations

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Abortion Care Network

Advocates for Youth

AIDS United

Alliance for a Just Society

America's Voice Education Fund

American College of Nurse-Midwives

American Congress of Obstetricians and Gynecologists

American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees

American Medical Student Association

Americans for Immigrant Justice, formerly Florida Immigrant Advocacy Center

Asian & Pacific Islander American Health Forum

Asian American Justice Center, Member of Asian American Center for Advancing Justice

ASISTA Immigration Assistance

Association of Asian Pacific Community Health Organizations

Association of Reproductive Health Professionals

Black Women's Health Imperative

Border Network for Human Rights

Breakthrough

Center for Immigrant Healthcare Justice

Center for Reproductive Rights

Civil Liberties & Public Policy

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Family Equality Council

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Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service

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Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund

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MomsRising.org

National Abortion Federation

National Asian American Pacific Islander Mental Health Association

National Asian Pacific American Women's Forum

National Association of Certified Professional Midwives

National Association of Social Workers

National Center for Law and Economic Justice

National Council of Jewish Women
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National Family Planning & Reproductive Health Association
National Gay and Lesbian Task Force Action Fund
National Health Law Program
National Immigrant Justice Center
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National Immigration Project of the National Lawyers Guild
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National Minority AIDS Council
National Organization for Women
National Partnership for Women & Families
National Women's Health Network
National Women's Law Center
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Planned Parenthood Federation of America
Pre-Health Dreamers
Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)
Raising Women's Voices for the Health Care We Need
Religious Coalition for Reproductive Choice
Reproductive Health Access Project
Reproductive Health Technologies Project
Senior Moments
Sexuality Information and Education Council of the U.S. (SIECUS)
Sin Fronteras
Sisters of Mercy South Central Community
The Advocates for Human Rights
The Association of Filipinas, Feminists Fighting Imperialism Re-feudalization, & Marginalization (AF3IRM)
The Hat Project
The United Methodist Church, General Board of Church and Society
Transgender Law Center
Trust for America's Health
Turning Anger into Change
Union for Reform Judaism
Unitarian Universalist Association
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Women's Refugee Commission
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State and Local Organizations

Arizona

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California Latinas for Reproductive Justice (CLRJ)

California National Organization for Women

California Pan-Ethnic Health Network

California Partnership

California Primary Care Association

California Religious Coalition for Reproductive Choice

California Women Lawyers

Coalition for Humane Immigrant Rights of Los Angeles

Immigration Center for Women and Children

JAG-ed

Korean Community Center of the East Bay

Korean Resource Center

Latino Coalition for a Healthy California

Methodist Federation for Social Action, Cal-Pac Chapter

National Network for Immigrant and Refugee Rights

Northeast Valley Health Corporation

Services, Immigrant Rights and Education Network

Silicon Valley Alliance for Immigration Reform

St. John's Well Child & Family Center

Vision y Compromiso

Colorado

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Safehouse Progressive Alliance for Nonviolence

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Iowa

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Louisiana

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National Council of Jewish Women, Louisiana State Policy Advocacy Committee

Maine

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Maryland

Centering Healthcare Institute
Maryland Women's Coalition for Health Care Reform

Massachusetts

Disability Policy Consortium
Massachusetts Immigrant and Refugee Advocacy Coalition

Minnesota

Interfaith Coalition on Immigration (ICOM)
Immigrant Law Center of Minnesota

Missouri

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Religious for Immigration Reform

Michigan

Washtenaw Interfaith Coalition for Immigrant Rights

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National Council of Jewish Women, New Jersey State Policy Advocacy Network
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Long Island wins

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New York Lawyers for the Public Interest
New Sanctuary Coalition
Northern Manhattan Coalition for Immigrant Rights
Violence Intervention Program

North Carolina

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Oregon

Oregon Foundation for Reproductive Health

Pennsylvania

Pennsylvania Council of Churches
Pennsylvania Immigration and Citizenship Coalition

South Carolina

Lowcountry Immigration Coalition

Texas

Lesbian Health Initiative
National Council of Jewish Women, Texas State Policy Advocacy Committee

Utah

National Council of Jewish Women, Utah State Policy Advocacy Committee

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Northwest Immigrant Rights Project
Northwest Health Law Advocates
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West Virginia

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Wisconsin

Voces de la Frontera
Wisconsin Alliance for Women's Health

International Organizations

Ministry of Health Republic of Armenia

June 26, 2013

Fenced In and Locked Out: Border Deal Will Endanger Women's Lives

By: Jessica González-Rojas, Executive Director, National Latina Institute for Reproductive Health

This week, by a vote of 67-27, the U.S. Senate passed a controversial deal that is expected to propel immigration reform through the chamber with strong bipartisan support. A vote on final passage in the Senate is expected any day, and then all eyes will turn to the House of Representatives, which will (fingers crossed) produce its own bipartisan bill. Immigration reform has real momentum, and more prospects for success than we've seen in decades.

So why am I not celebrating? Because I'm deeply concerned about the implications of this enormous concession for women's health and safety, and the message it sends about our values as a nation. The Corker-Hoeven Amendment, and the underlying bill (S. 744) that seems to be advancing with lightning speed, create an unacceptable second-class status for legalizing immigrants. Under the Senate bill, woman and families navigating the complex roadmap to citizenship would be working, paying taxes, fees, and fines, learning English, and fulfilling other requirements for 15 years or more before affordable health coverage options would become available to them.

That's 15 years paying into Medicaid and other health programs without any opportunity to benefit from those same programs. Senator Mazie Hirono (D-HI) has compared these unfair restrictions to being forced to pay homeowners insurance premiums for over a decade -- and then being denied coverage if your home catches fire.

As an organizer and advocate, I hear every day from immigrant women and families about the struggles they face living without health care. Sofia's* story in particular has weighed on my heart. Sofia was living in Texas with her husband and young children when she began experiencing severe reproductive health problems. She knew she needed to see a doctor, but like most immigrant women, was barred from Medicaid and other affordable health insurance options. Without insurance, no doctor would see her.

Eventually Sofia's health deteriorated and she made the difficult decision to cross into Mexico to see a gynecologist and receive the medical treatment she needed. Each time she went for a procedure, she had to cross back into the U.S. with the aid of a paid coyote, literally swimming across the Rio Grande, painfully aware of the prevalence of rape and other dangers women face during border crossing. She did this for five years, each time uncertain whether she would make it home to her children, because she had no other choice.

The amended Senate immigration bill would do nothing to relieve the suffering of women like Sofia, and would callously deny her family the opportunity to participate in the same affordable health plans as her friends and neighbors. For a woman with undiagnosed cervical or breast cancer, 15 years without health insurance could be the difference between life and death. At the same time, the bill would dump billions more dollars into heavy-handed immigration enforcement, making border crossing more dangerous and difficult.

Sofia and her family would continue to be locked out of the health care system, while at the same time being "fenced in" to an increasingly militarized border community.

Thankfully, several senators have warned against the human and fiscal costs of denying health care to future citizens, and offered commonsense amendments to improve the legislation. Senator Hirono, who fought for improvements to S. 744 in the Senate Judiciary Committee markup, introduced the "Taxpayer Fairness" amendment to ensure that no woman who has satisfied her tax liability shall be ineligible for federal health and other programs on the sole basis of her immigration status. Senator Barbara Boxer (D-CA) introduced amendments to improve health care access for survivors of intimate partner violence and to reduce the mandatory delay individuals on the roadmap to citizenship would face before becoming eligible for vital health coverage programs. Senator Patty Murray (D-WA), another champion of women's health and rights in immigration reform, filed an amendment to end the abhorrent practice of shackling pregnant women in immigration detention.

It is disappointing to see debate on these critical proposals ended prematurely, especially since they're well in line with mainstream opinion on the issues. Across the nation, most Americans support including immigrant families in our health care programs: 63 percent agree that aspiring citizens should be able to participate in Medicaid, and 59 percent believe people on the path to citizenship should be able to pay into and participate in the gains of health reform. Latinas, our families, and communities have spoken -- and wish to fully integrate our immigrant brothers and sisters into the fabric of American society.

It's time for negotiators in the U.S. Senate to reevaluate their priorities, and for House lawmakers to take heed. Reform should allow aspiring citizens to live with health and dignity, and fully contribute to our families, communities, and economy. Anything less is unwise, unjust, and un-American.

Some are saying that this "border surge," and the deal that's come along with it to pass immigration reform in the Senate, is a pill we have to swallow to get the final bill over the finish line. It's worth asking ourselves whether that's true, and whether this amended bill still lives up to our values as a nation.

Especially if the bitter pill of compromise is the only medicine immigrant women and families can expect to receive for fifteen years or more.

* Name has been changed.

Statement of Principles on Women and Immigration Reform¹

Immigrant women make great contributions to the rich social, cultural, intellectual, and economic fabric of the United States. They are our mothers, grandmothers, sisters, daughters, spouses, partners, and friends. They are students, teachers, laborers, business owners, lawmakers, and much more. Yet, despite their many contributions to our families and communities, issues of concern to women continue to be left out of conversations about immigration reform, and women continue to suffer injustice, discrimination, family separation, and fear because of our nation's immigration laws.

The face of the migrant in the United States is increasingly that of a woman. Women now make up 51% of the immigrant population,² and 100 immigrant women arrive in the United States for every 96 men.³ The majority of women migrate to reunite with family, to make a better life for their children, or to escape oppression, discrimination, and violence that prevent them from living full and free lives in their home countries. Current immigration laws, policies, and programs disproportionately disadvantage women, and women are too often left out of policy discussions that affect their lives. In the absence of sufficient legal channels for migration, more than 5 million women in the United States are undocumented and living on the margins of our society.⁴

Policies that divide communities, separate families, and violate the human and due process rights of migrants reinforce gender inequities and ignore the unique circumstances that compel women, LGBT individuals, and others seeking protection and equality to migrate and dictate their needs after they arrive.

Instead of honoring the contributions of immigrant women to the United States, past efforts at immigration reform have failed to provide for equitable citizenship,

¹ Statement Prepared by the National Coalition for Immigrant Women's Rights (NCIWR). For more information please visit ncwir.wordpress.com or contact Natalie D. Camastra at the National Latina Institute for Reproductive Health (NLIRH) at Natalie@latinainstitute.org; Wida Amir at the National Asian Pacific American Women's Forum (NAPAWF) at wamir@napawf.org; or Emily Butera at Women's Refugee Commission at emilybu@wrcommission.org.

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³ Migration Policy Institute. MPI Data Hub: Foreign-Born Males per 100 Foreign-Born Females, for the United States: 1870 to 2011. Available at <http://www.migrationinformation.org/datahub/charts/final.malesfemales.shtml> Accessed on January 15, 2013.

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adequate protection, and full integration for all women. A reasonable and sustainable solution to current and future immigration needs MUST take into account gender specific perspectives. In addition, the path forward on immigration MUST ensure equality for all immigrants, protect and promote their civil and human rights, and empower aspiring Americans to fully participate in and contribute to our economy and society.

As we begin a long overdue national conversation about immigration reform, we the undersigned organizations, call on policymakers to uphold and incorporate the following principles to ensure that the human rights of all migrants are protected:

- Any pathway to citizenship and integration must be open, affordable, safe, and accessible to ALL immigrant women, including those whose work is in the home and those who are employed in the informal economy.
- Immigrant women must be afforded equal employment-based migration opportunities and workplace protections so that they may safely pursue economic opportunity and support their families with dignity and pride.
- Immigration reform must protect the right of all families to stay together, regardless of immigration status, family structure, sexual orientation, gender identity, or marital status, and provide sufficient family-based channels for migration in the future.
- Immigration reform must advance ALL immigrant women's access to public services and economic support, including comprehensive health coverage and care, and legal and social services that promote equality of opportunity, integration, and the ability to make decisions regarding reproductive and sexual health and the well-being of the family.
- Enforcement, detention, and deportation programs that compromise immigrant women's safety, violate their civil, human, and due process rights, and tear families apart must be replaced by sensible and sufficient legal channels for migration that adequately meet family and labor demands and respect our obligations under international law.
- Reforms to our immigration policies must bring an end to programs that disproportionately impact women by discouraging reporting of crimes to law enforcement and compromising the safety of communities, and must advance protections for women fleeing state and interpersonal violence and victims of trafficking or exploitation.

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Declaración de Principios acerca de las Mujeres y la Reforma Migratoria

Las mujeres inmigrantes hacen enormes contribuciones sociales, culturales, intelectuales y económicas a la sociedad de los EE.UU. Son madres, abuelas, hermanas, hijas, esposas, parejas y amigas. Son estudiantes, profesoras, trabajadoras, dueñas de negocios, abogadas y mucho más. Sin embargo, a pesar de las muchas contribuciones que aportan a nuestras familias y comunidades, los asuntos que preocupan a estas mujeres continúan siendo dejados fuera de las conversaciones acerca de la reforma migratoria, y las mujeres inmigrantes, continúan sufriendo injusticia, discriminación, separación familiar y temor por las leyes migratorias de nuestro país.

La cara del inmigrante en los EE.UU. cada vez más refleja una cara de mujer. En la actualidad, las mujeres constituyen el 51% de la población inmigrante, y 100 mujeres inmigrantes llegan a los EE.UU. por cada 96 hombres. La mayoría de mujeres emigran para reunirse con su familia, para dar una vida mejor a sus hijos, o para escapar de la opresión, la discriminación y la violencia que no permite que vivan una vida plena y en libertad en sus países de origen. En la actualidad, las leyes, políticas públicas y programas de inmigración, desproporcionadamente ponen a las mujeres en desventaja y con frecuencia estas no son tomadas en cuenta en las discusiones acerca de las políticas públicas que afectan sus vidas. Debido a la ausencia de las vías legales apropiadas para inmigrar, más de cinco millones de mujeres en los EE.UU. no tienen documentos de inmigración y viven al margen de nuestra sociedad.

Las políticas que dividen comunidades, separan familias y violan los derechos humanos y los procesos legales justos para los inmigrantes, solo aumentan las inequidades de género. Aunque estas políticas ignoran las circunstancias únicas que obligan a las mujeres, las personas LGBT y a otros—que buscan protección e igualdad—a emigrar, estas políticas dictan sus necesidades después de haber llegado a los EE.UU.

En lugar de honrar las contribuciones de las mujeres inmigrantes a los EE.UU., en el pasado los esfuerzos en favor de la reforma migratoria han fallado en proporcionar una ciudadanía equitativa, protección adecuada y una integración total para todas las mujeres. Una solución razonable y sostenible para las necesidades actuales y futuras de inmigración DEBE tomar en cuenta las perspectivas de género específicas. Además el camino hacia delante de las políticas de inmigración DEBE asegurar igualdad para todos los inmigrantes, proteger y promover sus derechos civiles y humanos, y empoderar a los aspirantes a ciudadanos de los EE.UU. para que participen de lleno y contribuyan con nuestra economía y sociedad.

Mientras empezamos una conversación nacional—que hace mucho debió haberse iniciado—acerca de la reforma migratoria, las organizaciones abajo firmantes, hacemos un llamado a las y los legisladores para defender e incorporar los siguientes principios para asegurar la protección de los derechos humanos de todos los inmigrantes:

- Cualquier camino hacia la ciudadanía y la integración social debe ser amplio, asequible, seguro y accesible para TODAS las mujeres inmigrantes, incluyendo a aquellas que trabajan en casa y en la economía informal.

- A las mujeres inmigrantes se les debe ofrecer iguales oportunidades de inmigración y protección a través del lugar de trabajo, para que puedan alcanzar oportunidades económicas de forma segura y apoyar a sus familias con dignidad y orgullo.
- La reforma migratoria debe proteger el derecho de todas las familias a permanecer unidas, sin importar su estatus migratorio, estructura familiar, orientación sexual, identidad de género o estatus marital, y proporcionar suficientes vías que se basen en la familia para inmigrar en el futuro.
- La reforma migratoria debe mejorar el acceso de TODAS las mujeres inmigrantes a los servicios públicos y el apoyo económico. Este acceso debería incluir una cobertura integral de salud y cuidados, así como de servicios legales y sociales que promuevan la igualdad de oportunidad e integración, y la habilidad de tomar decisiones acerca de la salud y los derechos reproductivos y el bienestar de la familia.
- Los programas de detención y deportación que comprometen la seguridad de las mujeres inmigrantes, violan sus derechos humanos y procesales y dividen familias, deben ser reemplazados por vías apropiadas y sensatas para inmigrar que cumplan con las demandas familiares y laborales y que respeten nuestras obligaciones bajo la ley a nivel internacional.
- Las reformas a nuestras políticas migratorias deben poner un fin a los programas que desproporcionadamente impactan a las mujeres y que las desanima a reportar crímenes a las autoridades, comprometiendo así la seguridad de las comunidades. Estas reformas deben promover la protección de las mujeres que huyen de la violencia interpersonal e institucional en sus países de origen, y también de las víctimas de tráfico humano y explotación.

(1) Declaración preparada por la Coalición Nacional para los Derechos de las Mujeres Inmigrantes, NCIWR (National Coalition for Immigrant Women's Rights) por sus siglas en inglés. Para más información por favor visite ncwir.wordpress.com o contacte a Natalie D. Camastra en el Instituto Nacional de Latinas para la Salud Reproductiva NLIHR (National Latina Institute for Reproductive Health) por sus siglas en inglés en el correo electrónico Natalie@latinainstitute.org; Wida Amir en el Foro Nacional de Mujeres Asia-Pacífico Americanas, NAPAWF (National Asian Pacific American Women's Forum) por sus siglas en inglés en el correo electrónico wamir@napawf.org; o Emily Butera en la Comisión de Mujeres Refugiadas (Women's Refugee Commission) en el correo electrónico emilybu@wrcommission.org.

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LATINAS RESPOND TO SENATE PASSAGE OF IMMIGRATION REFORM BILL

Express disappointment, concern about severe restrictions on health coverage and border militarization

(WASHINGTON, D.C.) -

With the U.S. Senate's passage of immigration reform in a 68-32 vote, the **National Latina Institute for Reproductive Health** (NLIRH) recognizes today's historic step to realize comprehensive immigration reform. S. 744, or the "Border Security, Economic Opportunity and Immigration Modernization Act," was propelled to a final vote this week with the inclusion of the "Corker-Hoeven" amendment, which dedicates billions more in federal spending to further militarize the U.S. southern border and includes restrictions on access to health care that threaten women's health and safety.

Jessica González-Rojas, executive director of NLIRH issued the following statement:

"We continue to be encouraged by the historic progress of immigration reform, and today's vote in the Senate is an important step. In particular, we'd like to thank Senators Hirono (D-HI), Boxer (D-CA), Leahy (D-VT), and Murray (D-WA) for their tireless work to improve the legislation and the health and lives of immigrant women and families. However, we remain deeply concerned about the devastating implications of the severe restrictions on health care. Under the Senate bill, women and families will be forced to wait 15 years or more to see a doctor. As the debate moves forward in the House of Representatives, we encourage lawmakers to consider these important concerns, so that reform allows aspiring citizens the opportunity to fully contribute to our families, communities, and economy. Latinas have demanded immigration reform that respects human dignity and supports the health and success of our communities. Congress should deliver nothing less."

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*The **National Latina Institute for Reproductive Health** is the only national organization working on behalf of the reproductive health and justice of the 24 million Latinas, their families and communities in the United States through public education, community mobilization and policy advocacy.*

June 18, 2013

To All Members of the U.S. Senate:

We welcome the Senate's consideration of comprehensive immigration reform as the Border Security, Economic Opportunity, and Immigration Modernization Act (S. 744) proceeds to the Senate floor. As advocates for the health of the most vulnerable in our communities, we have deep concerns about provisions in S. 744 that would harm the health and well-being of aspiring citizens and their families. Immigrants on the roadmap to citizenship will be paying taxes, and as taxpayers, aspiring citizens should have access to taxpayer-funded programs like all Americans.

Senator Hirono (D-HI) plans to introduce an amendment to restore taxpayer fairness to aspiring citizens. The amendment provides that all immigrants who are lawfully present, employed, and have satisfied their federal tax liability shall not be prohibited from using any federally-funded program or tax credit solely on the basis of their immigration status. Allowing immigrants to use the programs they pay for will enable them to be more economically successful. We urge you to stand with Senator Hirono and others to correct the unfair restrictions on access to health, nutrition, and economic supports, thereby ensuring that the roadmap to citizenship allows immigrants equal opportunity to succeed in our country.

As currently proposed, S.744 bars most individuals in RPI status from vital federal health coverage, nutrition assistance, and economic security programs for the entire period they are in provisional status, which would be at least 10 years. When RPIs become Lawful Permanent Residents (LPRs) and earn their green card, current law further restricts LPRs from accessing these vital federal programs for another five years. S.744 also bars aspiring citizens in RPI status from the premium tax credits and cost-sharing reductions that will allow them to participate in the new health insurance marketplaces established under the Affordable Care Act (ACA). Individuals in blue-card and V visa status are similarly restricted from accessing safety net programs, premium tax credits, and cost-sharing reductions.

The restrictions in S. 744 mean that most aspiring citizens may have to pay into programs for 15 years before they can use them if their kids get sick or if they lose their jobs. For about half a million children who may soon be on the roadmap to citizenship, these restrictions could impact their development and ability to learn in school.¹ For pregnant women, it could mean no access to prenatal care that is critical to the health of infants and women. For women with undetected breast or cervical cancer, a 15-year wait to see a doctor could be the difference between life and death. These restrictions will result in poorer health outcomes, wider health disparities, lower worker productivity, and higher costs to the healthcare system. The restrictions are also out of line with the views of most Americans: 63% believe those on the roadmap to citizenship should be eligible for Medicaid and 59% believe they should be eligible for affordability options under the ACA.² Entrenching struggling parents and families in poverty prevents economic

¹ Randy Capps, James D. Bachmeier, Michael Fix & Jennifer Van Hook, *A Demographic, Socioeconomic, and Health Coverage Profile of Unauthorized Immigrants in the United States*, MIGRATION POLICY INSTITUTE 8 (May 2013), <http://www.migrationpolicy.org/pubs/CIRbrief-Profile-Unauthorized.pdf>.

² HENRY J. KAISER FAMILY FOUNDATION. *Kaiser Health Tracking Poll: February 2013*. February 27, 2013. <http://kff.org/report-section/february-2013-tracking-poll-findings/>

competitiveness and productivity; additionally, these programs exist so people can take economic risks like starting a business. Instead, better immigration policy will facilitate the integration of aspiring citizens into the social and economic fabric of our country.

Moreover, denying aspiring citizens access to the very programs that they pay into with their tax dollars is inherently unfair. Aspiring citizens currently pay \$11.2 billion annually in taxes.³ Already, immigrants have paid \$115 billion more in taxes into the Medicare system than they have used.⁴ As aspiring citizens move forward on the roadmap to citizenship, they will contribute even more to government revenue in fines, fees, and taxes.

Senator Hirono's amendment to restore taxpayer fairness to aspiring citizens will enable those on the roadmap to citizenship to succeed and will promote the health of our families, communities, and economy. We urge you to stand with Senator Hirono to ensure that the roadmap to citizenship is fair and allows aspiring citizens to live with health, dignity, and justice.

Thank you for your time and consideration to these issues.

Sincerely,

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9to5 Atlanta
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Abortion Care Network
ACCESS Women's Health Justice
Advocates for Women
AFL-CIO
AIDS Alabama
AIDS Foundation of Chicago
AIDS United
Alliance for a Just Society
American Academy of Pediatrics
American Congress of Obstetricians and Gynecologists
American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME)
Americans for Immigrant Justice, formerly Florida Immigrant Advocacy Center
Arkansas Advocates for Children and Families
Asian & Pacific Islander American Health Forum
Asian American Justice Center, Member of Asian American Center for Advancing Justice
Asian Law Alliance
Asian Pacific American Labor Alliance, AFL-CIO
ASISTA Immigration Assistance

³ IMMIGRATION POLICY CENTER. *Unauthorized Immigrants Pay Taxes, Too*, April 18, 2011, <http://www.immigrationpolicy.org/just-facts/unauthorized-immigrants-pay-taxes-too>.

⁴ Leah Zallman, Steffie Woolhandler, David Himmelstein, David Bor & Danny McCormick, *Immigrants Contributed an Estimated \$115.2 Billion More to the Medicare Trust Fund Than They Took Out in 2002–2009*, HEALTH AFFAIRS (May 2013), available at <http://content.healthaffairs.org/content/early/2013/05/20/hlthaff.2012.1223>.

Association of Asian Pacific Community Health Organizations
Association of Farmworker Opportunity Programs
Association of Reproductive Health Professionals (ARHP)
Breakthrough
California Latinas for Reproductive Justice
California Primary Care Association
California Rural Legal Assistance Foundation
Campaign for Better Health Care
CASA de Maryland
Center for Community Change (CCC)
Center for independence of the Disabled, NY
Center for Law and Social Policy (CLASP)
Center for Medicare Advocacy, Inc.
Center on Reproductive Rights and Justice at University of California Berkeley School of Law
Central Ohio Immigrant Justice
Children's Defense Fund
Church of Our Saviour/Iglesia de Nuestro Salvador
Civil Liberties and Public Policy
CLUE Santa Barbara
Coalition for Asian American Children and Families
Coalition for Humane Immigrant Rights of Los Angeles
Coalition for Peace Action of Monroe Township
Coalition on Human Needs
COFA Community Advocacy Network
COMGARIGUA
Community Action Partnership
Connecticut Multicultural Health Partnership
CT Asian Pacific American Affairs Commission
Direct Care Alliance
DRUM - Desis Rising Up & Moving
El Concilio/Council for the Spanish Speaking
Empire Justice Center
Fair Immigration Reform Movement (FIRM)
Families USA
Farmworker Association of Florida
Feminist Majority
First Focus Campaign for Children
Georgia Rural Urban Summit
Hawai'i Coalition for Immigration Reform
Hawaii State Coalition Against Domestic Violence
Health Care for All Philadelphia
Health Care for America Now
HealthyPacific.Org
HIKITTI Community
HIV Prevention Justice Alliance
Housing Works

Illinois Coalition for Immigrant and Refugee Rights
Immigrant Law Center of Minnesota
Immigrant Legal Advocacy Project
Immigrant Service Providers Group/Health
International Tribunal of Conscience
Jewish Community Action
Jewish Labor Committee Western Region
Kentucky Coalition for Immigrant and Refugee Rights
Koolauloa Health Center
Korean Community Center of the East Bay
La Clinica del Pueblo
La Raza Centro Legal
Latin American Association
Latino Coalition for a Healthy California
Latino Commission on AIDS
The Leadership Conference on Civil and Human Rights
Leadership Conference of Woman Religious
League of United Latin American Citizens
Lifting Latina Voices Initiative/FWHC
Lowcountry Immigration Coalition
LUMA
Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service
Massachusetts Immigrant and Refugee Advocacy Coalition
Methodist Federation for Social Action
Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund
Micronesians United Big Island
ministry of Health
Moloka'i Community Service Council
MomsRising.Org
Ms. Foundation for Women
National Alliance of Latin American and Caribbean Communities
National Asian Pacific American Women's Forum
National Association of Counsel for Children
National Center for Law and Economic Justice
National Center for Lesbian Rights
National Center for Transgender Equality
National Conference of Puerto Rican Women, Inc.,
National Council of Jewish Women
National Council of La Raza (NCLR)
National Employment Law Project
National Gay and Lesbian Task Force Action Fund
National Health Care for the Homeless Council
National Health Law Program
National Hispanic Medical Association
National Immigrant Justice Center
National Immigration Law Center

National Latina Institute for Reproductive Health
National Organization for Women
National Physicians Alliance
National Senior Citizens Law Center
National Women's Health Network
National Women's Law Center
NCJW - Maine Section
Nema Hawaii Community Association
New Economics for Women
New Mexico Voices for Children
New York Lawyers for the Public Interest
New Yorkers for Accessible Health Coverage
Ni-ta-nee NOW
North Dallas Chapter of the National Organization for Women
Northern Manhattan Coalition for Immigrant Rights
Northwest Health Law Advocates
OneAmerica
Pacific Islander Health partnership
Pennsylvania Council of Churches
PHI PolicyWorks
Physicians for Reproductive Health
Planned Parenthood Federation of America
Pohnpei Fellowship Ministry
Political Asylum Immigration Representation Project
Project Inform
Raleigh Episcopal Campus Ministry
Ramirez Group
Reformed Church of Highland Park, NJ
Refugio del Rio Grande
Religious for Immigration Reform
Reproductive Health Technologies Project
RESULTS
Rockland Immigration Coalition
Safehouse Progressive Alliance for Nonviolence
Salvadoran American National Network
Sargent Shriver National Center on Poverty Law
Sea Mar Community Health Centers
Silicon Valley Alliance for Immigration Reform
Single Stop USA
Sisters of Mercy West Midwest Justice Team
South Asian Americans Leading Together (SAALT)
South Cove Community Health Center
The Black Institute
The Center for APA Women
The Children's Advocacy Institute
The Children's Partnership

The Hat Project
Unitarian Society of New Haven, Immigration Rights Task Force
United for a Fair Economy
United Migrant Opportunity Services/UMOS Inc
United We Dream
Unity Fellowship Church NYC
University of Hawaii
Violence Intervention Program
Voces de la Frontera
Voices for America's Children
Washtenaw Interfaith Coalition for Immigrant Rights
We Belong Together: Women For Common-Sense Immigration Reform
WI Council on Children and Families
Women Watch Afrika, Inc.
Women's Law Project
Worker Justice Center
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