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U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Representative:

On behalf of the League of United Latin American Citizens (LULAC), the nation's oldest and largest Latino civil rights organization, I am writing to express my sincere gratitude for the passage of a clean H.R. 240, the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Appropriation Bill for fiscal year 2016. As you know, the previous version of the bill contained several extreme and unnecessary policy riders that would have been detrimental to President Obama's executive orders to enact meaningful and comprehensive immigration reform.

The bipartisan passage of H.R. 240 demonstrated a departure from political brinkmanship and ensured that the nation's security and the livelihood of hardworking immigrants across the nation were not threatened. You may recall that we strongly opposed the initial DHS funding bill passed by House Republicans for its amendments to defund the 2012 Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals initiative, abolish most of the Morton Memo standards of prosecutorial discretion, and repeal the Deferred Action for Parents of Americans and Lawful Residents. The central message behind these amendments appeared to be that Latino immigrants are not valued by this Congress.

On behalf of the 135,000 members of LULAC, I reiterate my appreciation for your vote. Moving forward, it is my hope that members of Congress continue to stand firm and reject any further attempts to derail bipartisan immigration reform. For more information, please feel free to have your staff contact Luis Torres, LULAC Director of Policy and Legislation, at Latorres@LULAC.org.

Sincerely,

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