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The Honorable Barack Obama
President
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear President Obama:

On behalf of the League of United Latin American Citizens (LULAC), the nation's oldest and largest Latino civil rights organization in the country, I write to express support for your decision to use executive action to provide relief for our immigrant families currently stuck in the shadows due to their legal status.

Over the last several years, LULAC has worked to engage and educate members of Congress on the need and urgency to pass comprehensive immigration reform. While the Senate has taken decisive bipartisan action by passing the Border Security, Economic Opportunity, and Immigration Modernization Act, the House of Representatives has not scheduled the opportunity to do the same. Meanwhile, approximately two million of our brothers and sisters have been deported and thousands of migrant children, fleeing poverty, war, and violence, are detained in Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) centers across the country.

While we continue to believe that passing bipartisan comprehensive immigration reform is the optimal approach, time is running out; absent congressional action, our organization supports your intent to use executive action to address the current immigration crises. Any executive action should prioritize providing relief to the vulnerable migrant children in detention centers across the country. In addition, executive action should provide avenues for relief for DREAMers, migrant farmers, STEM workers, seasonal workers, and all other aspiring Americans working in the shadows.

I urge you to use your full authority under the law to begin addressing this important issue. Our organization will continue to move forward with educating our leaders about the need for comprehensive immigration reform in hopes that they will seize on the opportunity to pass a bipartisan immigration bill.

We look forward to continue working with you on this critical issue and applaud your leadership as we are hopeful that our immigrant brothers and sisters will finally receive some relief.

Sincerely,

Margaret Moran
LULAC National President