

Michigan Catholic Conference

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Dear Senator:

Last week, U.S. Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist introduced an enforcement-only immigration proposal before the Senate Judiciary Committee was able to reach consensus on a comprehensive reform bill. The Michigan Catholic Conference believes that any immigration reform legislation must address the following issues:

- The need for a pathway to lawful permanent residence and citizenship for the undocumented, and
- Provisions for a guest worker program that provides labor protections.

The MCC urges you to reject enforcement-only proposals and support a comprehensive approach to immigration reform. Such an approach not only promotes the security of our nation, but also puts undocumented laborers and their families on the path to lawful permanent residence and citizenship, creates greater legal avenues for necessary workers to enter the United States in the future, integrates and promotes the success of newcomers, and improves the economic prospects, health, labor protections, and stability of all U.S. residents, including newcomers.

Please encourage Senator Frist to take up the Senate Judiciary Committee's legislation. Thank you for your consideration of our concerns.

Very Truly Yours,

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