



**ATU LATINO CAUCUS
COMPREHENSIVE IMMIGRATION REFORM
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WHEREAS, there is a growing consensus across America for comprehensive immigration reform, such reform must include an earned adjustment for immigrants currently working in the United States; create legal channels for future flow of immigrant workers; and reduce the vast backlogs in family-sponsored immigration; and

WHEREAS, current immigration legislation should protect all workers within our borders-both native-born and foreign- and at the same time guarantee the safety of our nation without compromising our fundamental civil rights and civil liberties; and

WHEREAS, the ATU Latino Caucus urges the support and advocates for a comprehensive immigration reform with principles that are set forth to appropriately recognize the significant contributions immigrants have made in this country; and

WHEREAS, ATU Latino Caucus feels compelled to state clearly and unequivocally that legalization should not be obtained at the cost of generating future inequities, sacrificing the future wages, labor protections and working conditions of both US and future foreign workers in order; and

WHEREAS, Comprehensive Immigration Reform shall support keeping families together and treating immigrants with respect; and

WHEREAS, Comprehensive Immigration Reform shall reject proposals that criminalize hard working immigrants and their families who are in this country to achieve the American dream and or the people and organizations that come in contact with them; and

WHEREAS, Comprehensive Immigration Reform shall provide a realistic legal path to earned permanent residence and citizenship for those already within the United States; and

WHEREAS, Comprehensive Immigration Reform shall create an effective entry avenue for future immigrants with fully enforceable labor protections

BE IT RESOLVED, that the ATU Latino Caucus rejects shifting the blame of low wages or depletion of the middle class on the undocumented population but blames the loss of good union and non-union jobs on the Presidential administrations inability to stop outsourcing. The ATU Latino Caucus will continue to lead and mobilize for comprehensive immigration reform that will provide legal status for hard working immigrants, to create a legal means for future workers to come to United States; reunites families and secures our borders- while protecting native and foreign born alike; guarantee civil rights; and continue to organize immigrant workers into unions and promote civic participation, including encouraging citizenship, voter registration and participation in the political process.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the ATU Latino Caucus rejects the fast track Congress approach has taken on the issue. A band-aid remedy is the last thing our broken immigration needs. The ATU Latino Caucus will continue to develop and conduct educational programs on immigration with any organization that advocates to protect immigrant rights and will mobilize its members throughout the United States and Canada to promote awareness of the current Immigration legislation. The ATU Latino Caucus will continue to work with organizations to achieve social and economic justice goals for all immigrants and their families.