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USCCB NATIONWIDE BULLETIN INSERT

Tell the House of Representatives: Pass Bipartisan Immigration Reform Legislation That Protects Families

The U.S. Senate has passed comprehensive immigration reform legislation by a large margin. The U.S. House of Representatives is currently considering whether to address immigration reform legislation that can provide significant relief to potentially millions of people and their families. Now is a critical time to contact your House members and urge them to pass common sense immigration reform.

The U.S. Catholic Bishops, through the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB), have urged Congress to pass immigration reform which:

- Provides a path to citizenship for undocumented persons living in the United States;
- Preserves and strengthens family unity as a cornerstone of our national immigration system;
- Provides legal avenues for low-skilled immigrants to come and work in the United States;
- Restores due process for individuals caught up in the immigration system
- Promotes efforts that will address the root causes of migration, such as poverty and persecution

Please contact your House members today and urge them to support immigration reform legislation that provides a path to citizenship for the undocumented and that preserves family unity.

Action: Contact Members of Congress through e-mail, phone calls or FAX letters.

- To send a pre-written, instant e-mail to Congress go to <u>www.justiceforimmigrants.org</u>
- Call the U.S. Capitol switchboard at 202-225-3121 and ask for your Members' offices. For more information, go to www.house.gov

Message: Please pass bipartisan immigration reform legislation that includes a pathway to citizenship and preserves family unity.

When: <u>Act today</u> and encourage others to do so as well.