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Dear Representative Gutierrez:

On behalf of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB), I write to welcome your introduction of the Comprehensive Immigration Reform for America's Security and Prosperity Act of 2009 (CIR ASAP), legislation to reform the U.S. immigration system.

As you well know, our immigration system is badly broken and requires reform. In order to fix the system, we must bring undocumented persons out of the shadows and put them on a path to citizenship. This would help stabilize immigrant families and our workforce in many important industries. We also must create legal avenues for migrant workers to migrate legally and safely into our country to perform important jobs in crucial industries in our economy. Finally, we must ensure that families are reunited in a timely manner.

Your legislation addresses these aspects of our immigration system, as well as other areas, and represents an important first step in the legislative process. I look forward to working with you to pass comprehensive immigration reform legislation in the 111th Congress.

Sincerely,

Most Reverend John C. Wester
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