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Somos Backs Congressional Hispanic Caucus' Call for Immigration Reform

Santa Fe, NM- Today, the Congressional Hispanic Caucus (CHC) met with President Obama and urged him to fight for comprehensive immigration reform this year.

Somos un Pueblo Unido, a statewide grassroots organization in Santa Fe, supports CHC efforts to solidify an immigration reform this year and is pleased to know Congressman Ben Luján (NM-District 3) as a member of the CHC is calling on the President to fulfill his promises to fix our broken immigration system.

"The immigrant community is hopeful that President Barak Obama will put a stop to the injustice against undocumented immigrants, who are being plucked out of our families, workplaces, and schools. Time after time, federal immigration law is carried out without any remorse of leaving children without parents, spouses without their primary source of support and businesses without workers," said María Cristina López, *Somos'* founder and board member. "Hard-working families don't deserve to live in fear that one of these days they might not come home to their love ones."

"We need a sensible approach that gives the hard working men and women already here an earned path to citizenship, keeps families together and provides legal avenues for future workers to seek out opportunities here and join our struggle to strengthen the economy," said Marcela Díaz, *Somos'* Executive Director.

Somos thanks Congressman Luján for his leadership and praises his work in bringing urgency to the issue. *Somos un Pueblo Unido*, immigrants across New Mexico, and our faith, labor, and business allies will continue to push for the end of raids and deportations that are separating our families and terrorize our communities, and to enact immigration reform this year. Our nation needs to pass just and humane immigration reform that brings immigrants within the law, offers opportunities for safe future migration, protects all workers, and helps immigrants integrate into American society.

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