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Ready to Move Forward with the President On Immigration Reform

PHILADELPHIA -- Following the President's speech yesterday on immigration reform, The Reverend Luis Cortés, Jr., president of Esperanza, issued the following statement:

"We appreciate the President's speech and his willingness to keep immigration reform legislation as a priority. The President said he is "ready to move forward" and we stand ready to move forward with him.

"We agree with the President that only Congress can fix our disastrous immigration system. Immigration reform must be addressed in a true bipartisan manner and the results must be real and common sense solutions that fix this broken system.

"I am encouraged that the President addressed the important issues of securing our borders, clearing the backlog that exists at Citizen and Immigration Services that inhibits legal migration, the need to have a system for temporary workers and a way for the undocumented to come out of the shadows and get right with the law."

"We remain committed to working with the President, his Administration and Members of Congress from both parties to see immigration reform enacted by the next 4th of July."

"We are hopeful that the President will stay committed to this issue and lay out the next steps to make reform a reality."

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