



## Legislation Text

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To urge the United States Congress to adopt and enact comprehensive immigration reform.

**WHEREAS**, the City of Columbus recognizes the economic, social and cultural contributions immigrants bring to their communities and, in particular, to Columbus, Ohio; and

**WHEREAS**, the responsibility of municipal leaders is to protect the well-being and safety of all people residing in their cities; and

**WHEREAS**, it is the duty of our local leaders to respect the rights of, ~~and provide equal services to,~~ all individuals, regardless of national origin or immigration status; and

**WHEREAS**, our nation's immigration and border security policies are federal responsibilities that are in desperate need of reform; and

**WHEREAS**, a talented workforce made up of both skilled and unskilled labor is an important driver of our local economy; and

**WHEREAS**, family unity is a component of a strong, healthy community and economy, and re-unification of families has been a key part of federal immigration policy for almost fifty years; and

**WHEREAS**, the independent Congressional Budget Office recently released their analysis of the Senate's bipartisan immigration reform bill, and found that the bill would reduce the deficit over the next 10 years by \$197 billion, and by about \$700 billion over the following decade; and

**WHEREAS**, there is broad, bipartisan support and collaboration among business, labor, faith-based and other community groups, and individual residents, to promote comprehensive immigration reform that provides sensible and effective solutions; and

**WHEREAS**, momentum at the federal level for comprehensive immigration reform leads this council to recommit its support for comprehensive immigration reform made on June 21, 2010; now, therefore

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS:**

That this Council urges the United States Congress to adopt and enact comprehensive immigration reform that would help secure our international borders and provide a path to legalization or citizenship for the nearly eleven million undocumented immigrants who live in the United States today.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT**, copies of this resolution be forwarded to members of Ohio's Congressional delegation and President Barack Obama.