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**UNITED STATES CONFERENCE OF
CATHOLIC BISHOPS**

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Dear Representative:

We, the undersigned evangelical and Catholic leaders, write to urge you to work for a bipartisan agreement on and passage of immigration reform legislation this year.

As leaders in our respective faith communities, we live every day with the reality that our immigration system does not reflect our commitment to the values of human dignity, family unity and respect for the rule of law that define us as Americans. Each day we witness the human tragedies created by our current system, including the separation of families and the violation of basic human dignity.

Common sense fixes to our immigration policies are long overdue. As a nation founded upon the principles of the rule of law and the centrality of family, we can no longer delay fixing this system.

We are hopeful for reform legislation that respects the God-given dignity of every person, protects family unity, respects the rule of law, guarantees the integrity of our national borders, ensures fairness for taxpayers, and makes it possible for undocumented immigrants who meet the requirements to become citizens if they desire.

We urge you to create bipartisan solutions that reflect these principles and our nation's values, creating just, fair and humane immigration laws.

Sincerely,

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