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## **IPC Lauds Obama Administration for Beginning Immigration Reform Discussion** *President Obama to Meet with Congressional Leaders at the White House Tomorrow*

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**Washington, DC** - Tomorrow President Obama and Congressional leaders will meet to chart a roadmap designed to move comprehensive immigration reform forward in 2009. The President has already begun solving our nation's toughest problems and has [promised](#) to tackle our broken immigration system in his first year in office. Leaders in Congress are also [committed](#) to moving immigration reform this year and their efforts are buoyed by a groundswell of support from the [majority](#) of Americans who want immigration reform.

"Now more than ever Congress must take the necessary steps to unify families, provide legal channels for immigrant workers, and create a path towards citizenship for those in our country who are willing to pay taxes, learn English, and follow our laws," said Mary Giovagnoli, Director of the Immigration Policy Center. "An immigration system that promotes American values, encourages hard work, and fosters economic prosperity is what America urgently needs."

We now look to Congress to develop a comprehensive immigration reform package that includes the checks and balances necessary for a 21st century immigration system. This includes bringing people out of the shadows, strong border enforcement, legal channels for immigrant workers, and a robust naturalization and integration program.

For more information on the various elements of reform, the Immigration Policy Center has produced the following fact check:

- [Comprehensive Immigration Reform: A Primer](#)

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