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Friends,

This week, the White House released a NEW report entitled [Fixing our Broken Immigration System: The Economic Benefits of Providing a Path to Earned Citizenship](#) for the 11 million undocumented immigrants currently living and working in the United States. According to the report, providing a path to earned citizenship for unauthorized immigrant workers would increase their wages, and over 10 years, boost U.S. GDP by \$1.4 trillion, increase total income for all Americans by \$791 billion, generate \$184 billion in additional state and federal tax revenue from currently undocumented immigrants, and add about 2 million jobs to the U.S. economy. The numbers are clear—providing a path to earned citizenship could bring tremendous growth to the American economy. A significant majority of Americans of all backgrounds support a path to citizenship, and it is time for the House of Representatives to take action and provide a comprehensive solution to fixing our broken immigration system.

To learn more about the new report, join us on Wednesday August 14, at 3:00pm ET for a conference call with Cecilia Muñoz, Director of the Domestic Policy Council and Jennifer Hunt, Chief Economist at the Department of Labor for an overview of the report's findings and the continued importance of making your voice heard during this critical time for the immigration reform debate.

- **Who:** Domestic Policy Director Cecilia Muñoz and Chief Economist at the Department of Labor Jennifer Hunt
- **What:** Conference call on the Economic Benefits of Citizenship
- **When:** Wednesday, August 14th at 3:00 PM ET
- **Call-In Information:** (800) 288-8961
- **Confirmation Number:** 300604

In the coming weeks, the White House will continue highlighting the economic benefits of immigration reform. This is a critical time for you to join the President and others who are making the case for commonsense immigration reform. Please continue to make your voices heard in your communities, and thank you for your continued efforts to advance this issue!

As always, please share with your networks and keep up the momentum in support of immigration

reform!

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Agency Updates

[Secretary Napolitano Participates in Naturalization Ceremony](#)

August 13, 2013

Today, Secretary Napolitano administered the [Oath of Allegiance](#) and delivered remarks at a naturalization ceremony at W.T. Woodson High School in Fairfax. The 350 new United States citizens naturalized today represent 75 countries, and include two active duty members of the United States Armed Forces.

[Secretary Napolitano Meets with Business Leaders on Commonsense Immigration Reform](#)

August 12, 2013

Today in Cincinnati, Secretary of Homeland Security Janet Napolitano and U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement Acting Director John Sandweg met with business community leaders to discuss the need for commonsense immigration reform, which is critical to our nation's economic health and prosperity. During the meeting, Secretary Napolitano discussed the need for critical changes to the legal immigration system in order to create a [21st century immigration system](#) that helps businesses continue to grow the economy.

[Secretary Pritzker Discusses Economic Benefits of Immigration Reform in Iowa](#)

August 8, 2013

While in Des Moines, Secretary Pritzker met with local business leaders on the need to pass comprehensive immigration reform, which is key to the country's economic growth. Commonsense immigration reform will reduce the deficit and grow the economy. In fact, the Senate-passed bill would grow the economy by 5.4 percent over the next two decades and increase labor force participation by 3.5 percent in 2023 and 5 percent in 2033, according to the non-partisan Congressional Budget Office.

[A Nation of Immigrants and Entrepreneurs](#)

August 8, 2013

America is a nation of immigrants and a nation of entrepreneurs, and the Obama Administration is committed to honoring the legacy of innovation and competitiveness that has helped to make our country great. Passage by the House of Representatives of a balanced, comprehensive immigration reform bill is the next step forward in ensuring that America continues to attract the world's best and brightest to start new businesses, create good jobs and help grow America's middle class.

Blog Highlights

[Fixing Our Broken Immigration System: The Economic Case for the Agricultural Industry](#)

August 13, 2013

Today, Jason Berry the owner of Berry Farms in Vivaldia, Georgia joined a call with Secretary of Agriculture Tom Vilsack to highlight the important economic benefits of immigration reform to the agricultural industry. Jason's company produces 200 acres of organic blueberries, in addition to 50 acres of vegetables. In the spring and summer of 2011 a drastic shortage of farm workers, invoked by the passage of a local law, almost caused him to lose his farm.

[Bipartisan Support for Immigration Reform Strengthens During August Recess](#)

August 12, 2013

As members of Congress go home to their districts for the August recess, they are hearing directly from Americans of all political stripes who are calling for a vote on commonsense immigration reform. In hundreds of town hall meetings, business roundtables, vigils, pilgrimages and rallies across the country, supporters of immigration reform including evangelicals, business owners, labor and law enforcement leaders, are asking their representatives to pass legislation to fix our broken immigration system as soon as they return to Washington in September.

[State-by-State Reports: The Economic Benefits of Fixing Our Broken Immigration System](#)

August 1, 2013

In addition to giving a significant boost to our national economy, commonsense immigration reform will also generate important economic benefits in each state, from increasing workers' wages and generating new tax revenue to strengthening the local industries that are the backbone of states' economies.

[New Citizens and the American Dream](#)

July 31, 2013

Immigration reform is necessary because it speaks to our values as a country—a nation of laws, and a nation of immigrants. It's the right thing to do because our system is broken. And we also know that economic costs of inaction are simply too high to delay.

[Media Round-up: White House Report on Fixing our Broken Immigration System](#)

July 30, 2013

The White House released a report that provides further evidence that commonsense, bipartisan immigration reform would provide economic benefits for our nation's agriculture sector, our workforce, and rural communities. While the debate inside Washington continues, here's a look at how this new report is getting covered outside the beltway, in many of the farm and rural communities that would benefit from commonsense immigration reform.

Get Involved

U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) invite you to participate in our next national Spanish-language teleconference. Agency representatives will be available to share updates and answer your questions. Topics will include: USCIS immigrant fee, customer service tools, the unauthorized practice of immigration law and other topics of interest.

The call will take place on **Wednesday, August 21, 2013 at 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. (Eastern)** via teleconference.

1-800-857-6924 (in the U.S.), 1-312-470-0197 (outside the U.S.), Password: Enlace.

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