



Arizona Speaks

Now is the time for immigration reform

Nearly 400 Arizona community leaders agree

They supported this letter to the Arizona Congressional Delegation, that also was sent to Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, Speaker John Boehner, and President Barack Obama

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- Juan Gutierrez
- Rabbi John Linder
- Bishop Eduardo Nevares
- Bishop Thomas Olinsted
- Bishop James Wall
- Denise Resnik
- Bishop Kirk Smith
- Bishop Steve Talmage
- Bishop Robert T. Hoshubata
- Rev. Martha Seaman
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- Rev. George Cushman
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- Petra Falcon
- Rev. David Felten
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- Al Gephardt
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- Rev. Daniel Gomez
- Stephen Govett
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- Curt Hench
- David Hernandez
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- Jessica Johnson
- Ron Johnson
- Robert Blair Katsner
- Rev. Thomas E. Kiracofe
- Bob Klassen
- Alicia Klassen
- Deacon Tom Klein
- Jim LaBrie
- Rosemarie LaClereq
- Kathy Luger
- Rev. Alison Lutz
- Lynnda Marby
- Dan Martinez
- Bill McDonald
- Rev. Rick McGuire, CSC
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- Dr. Phil Mirzi
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- Rev. Jeff Proctor Murphy
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- Ann. I. Neroda
- Ray Nicholson
- Dr. Honora Norton
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- Manuro Pando
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- Rev. David Remnick
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- John Risseuw
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- Rev. Robert Rossi, OSC
- Joe Rubio
- Dave Ryan
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- Clita Sagramoso
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- Kathy Schock
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- Rev. Willard "Buzz" Stevens
- Patti Sills-Trausch
- Bonny Slossne
- Christian Smith
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- Tim Tomczak
- Deacon James T. Trant
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- Kate Ward
- Maureen Webster
- Rev. Susan Youngblood
- Steve Zablicki



November 21, 2013

Dear Members of the Arizona Congressional Delegation:

Today community leaders from many sectors of life in Arizona, including religious, business, education, civic and community leaders, met in Phoenix, Tucson, and Flagstaff to speak in support of the passage of immigration reform.

The message to you as a member of the Arizona Congressional Delegation, to Speaker John Boehner, to Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, to President Barack Obama, and to all in the United States Congress is simply, "Now is the time to act and pass a reform of the United States immigration laws, considered by many to be a broken system."

In the recent past, the President and Congress have tried to act but failed to bring about this needed reform. We cannot let this opportunity pass. We urge you to work in a bipartisan way to fix a system that needs to be improved.

As Arizonians we express the position of a vast majority in our state who see immigration reform as a moral, economic and civil societal imperative that must be resolved. We are committed to do our part to make this happen for the well-being of our state and of the nation.

Reform makes sense from an economic perspective as research demonstrates. Reform makes sense from a societal perspective, allowing workers to come into the United States legally to fill necessary jobs. This also allows contributing members of our society to come out of the shadows to add their gifts to the life of our communities. Reform is a moral imperative that could end the tragic loss of life in our desert, restore human dignity to thousands of individuals and reconnect families.

We ask you to act to bring about a reform that will protect the labor of our state and the lives of our citizens. Inaction is too high.

Sincerely,

In Tucson

- Dr. Amy Bether
- Paul Bonavia
- Jim Click, Jr.
- Rabbi Samel Cohon
- Det. Diamond
- Supr. Richard Elias
- Bishop Gerald Kicanas
- Lee Lambert
- Lea Marger Peterson
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- Felipe Garcia
- Rev. Karen Galton
- David Godlewski
- Patricia Grabber
- Mike Hammond
- Rev. Keith Hanly
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- Wendy Kreider
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- Margo La Bar
- Bob La Bar
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- Peter Likins
- Rev. John Lille
- Sister Audrey Jean Lohrer
- Humberto Lopez
- Rev. Edgar Lopez
- Karen Magala
- Edward Manzer
- Jan Marcotte
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- Edmond Marquez
- Rev. Randy Mayer
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- Paula Mich
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