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STATEMENT: Chicago’s Latino Leaders Express Urgent Need for Federal Funding, Expect Continued Advocacy by Mayor Johnson

CHICAGO - The following is a statement from the [Illinois Latino Agenda \(ILA\)](#), a coalition committed to advancing the wellbeing of Latinos throughout Illinois and advocating for equitable representation of Latinos throughout our state government, in response to [Mayor Brandon Johnson’s trip to Washington, D.C. urging the Biden Administration for immediate assistance to address the migrant crisis in Illinois and other major cities](#):

“The Illinois Latino Agenda along with city and state leaders have been vocal about the need for greater support from the Biden Administration and federal government to address the migrant crisis. We are motivated by Mayor Brandon Johnson’s trip to D.C. this week to further stress the urgency of helping our newest neighbors not only make it through the winter, but to find safe housing and a pathway to self-sufficiency.

“We are dealing with a humanitarian crisis that is beyond what our City or State has the budget for, and it is necessary for the federal government to allocate funds not only to border states, but to Illinois and other interior states and cities that are handling the resettlement of migrants that come through those border states he is supporting.

“We will continue advocating for the resources to support new arrivals and we expect to see continued efforts from Mayor Johnson to acquire the federal funding necessary to ensure their wellbeing.”

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