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**STATEMENT: Illinois Latino Leaders Join National Advocacy Efforts Calling on Work Permits for All Immigrants**

**CHICAGO** - The following is a statement from the Illinois Latino Agenda (ILA), a coalition committed to advocating for the wellbeing of Latinos throughout Illinois, in support of the [Work Permits For All](#) campaign calling for the expansion of work permits through parole to all immigrants, regardless of status.

ILA members from the Resurrection Project, the Hispanic Federation, Enlace Chicago, Latino Policy Forum, and Metropolitan Family Services were among the thousands of advocates rallying in support of work permits for all today at a day of action in Washington D.C.:

“The Illinois Latino Agenda supports the Here to Work campaign in their advocacy efforts to expand access to work permits to all the immigrants that are part of the fabric of our city, state, and nation. Expanding work permits will empower workers and help uplift families and communities.

“Many of our immigrant community members have been working here for decades, paying taxes, and contributing to our local economies. They deserve access to work permits so that they too can be protected in their workplaces, be eligible for more employment opportunities and higher wages, and better support themselves and their families.

“There are employment shortages in frontline and high-demand industries that continue to grow, and it is to our benefit to allow all workers to access and fill these vital roles. We stand with The Resurrection Project, The Work Permits For All campaign, and their partners in urging the federal government to exercise authority under current law to expand work permits to all of our long-term immigrants.”

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