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**STATEMENT FROM ILLINOIS LATINO AGENDA:**

**Illinois Latino Agenda Celebrates the General Assembly’s Passing of the Work Permits for All Resolution, Calls on Biden to Act Now**

**CHICAGO** - The following is a statement from the [Illinois Latino Agenda](#) (ILA) in response to the passing of [House Joint Resolution 69](#):

"Our state legislature has spoken loud and clear: It's time for immediate action—President Biden must extend work permits to all. We celebrate the passing of the 'Work Permits for All' resolution, urging President Biden to bring long-term immigrants out of the shadows by granting them the opportunities and benefits that come with a work permit.

"As part of the Work Permits for All campaign, ILA members, alongside a coalition of [over 100](#) nonprofits, business groups, faith leaders, and elected officials, have passionately advocated for Biden to use his authority to extend parole and grant work permits for long-term immigrants, which does not require approval by Congress. Our communities can no longer accept that it is not the 'right time,' and we are proud that our state has recognized that.

"We are profoundly thankful to House Deputy Majority Leader Lisa Hernandez (D-Berwyn) and State Sen. Karina Villa (D-Aurora) for their unwavering leadership, and we commend all legislators who supported this resolution, affirming the inherent dignity of every person in Illinois."

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The Illinois Latino Agenda (ILA) is a coalition that advocates for the representation of Latinos across all sectors and works to advance the economic, political and social prosperity of Latino communities throughout Illinois.