

**Congress of the United States**  
**Washington, DC 20515**

May 12, 2014

Dear Congressman Kinzinger, Congressman Shimkus, and Congressman Schock,

We are encouraged by your recent statements regarding immigration reform, and specifically, your support for a pathway to legal status for the eleven million undocumented immigrants who currently reside in this country. Not only is this the right thing to do for these individuals and their families, but Illinois' economy also stands to benefit significantly.

According to a study by the Institute of Taxation and Economic Policy, immigration reform would increase state and local taxes in Illinois by almost \$150 million a year. On the other hand, if all undocumented immigrants were removed from Illinois, the state would lose \$25.6 billion in economic activity, \$11.4 billion in gross state product, and approximately 120,000 jobs. It is clear that we have an incredible opportunity to better the lives of countless families residing in Illinois, while also improving the economic situation in the state.

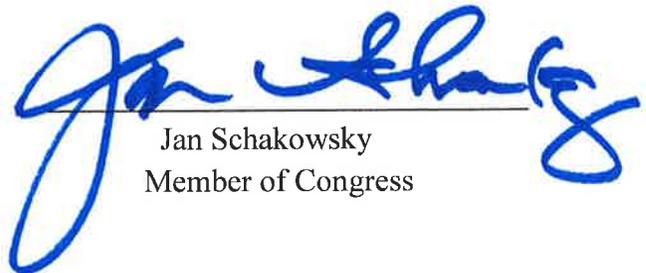
We also believe that we have an opportunity for the Illinois delegation to come together in a bipartisan fashion in support of immigration reform. We invite you to help identify opportunities for us to work together on concrete proposals that will provide legal status for undocumented immigrants and their children. We believe that co-sponsorship of H.R. 15, the Border Security, Economic Opportunity, and Immigration Modernization Act, provides us with the best path forward. As supporters of immigration reform, we ask you to join us in cosponsoring H.R. 15. This legislation will reduce the deficit by \$900 billion over twenty years, and increase the GDP by 5.4 percent over the same time period, an increase of \$1.4 trillion in today's dollars.

We commend you for your leadership on this issue, and believe that the Illinois delegation has a genuine opportunity to work together to improve our economy, reduce the deficit, and lift 11 million undocumented immigrants out of the shadows by passing comprehensive immigration reform. We look forward to working with you on this critical issue.

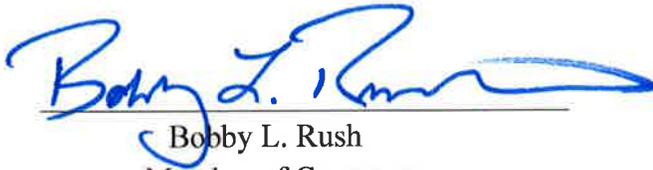
Sincerely,



Bill Foster  
Member of Congress



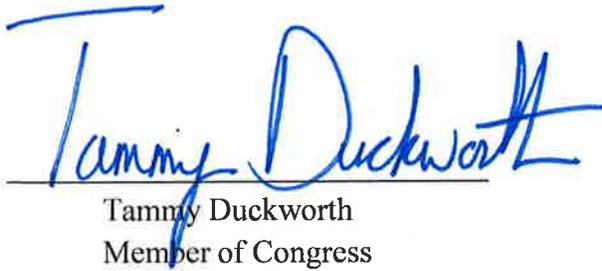
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